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10,000 Vauxhall men reject strike and accept pay curb

Workers at Vauxhall's plant in Luton voted overwhelmingly yesterday to reject their union negotiators' advice to strike from today week. By so voting they effectively accepted rises in their basic rate of 4.2 to 4.95 per cent. The strike motion was condemned at the mass meeting by Mr Timothy Bungard, aged 24, a former public schoolboy who has worked in the trim shop. He was jeered and hit by an egg.

Productivity talks likely tomorrow

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

Vauxhall workers at the company's biggest plant, at Luton, yesterday voted overwhelmingly to ignore the advice of their union negotiators and reject a call to strike from November 1.

The decision, by about 10,000 of the plant's 13,000 manual workers who attended the meeting at the Manor Road Park, Luton, gives the biggest boost yet to the Government's resolve to minimize breaches of its 5 per cent limit.

By rejecting the strike call, unanimously approved a week ago yesterday by the 16 members of the union's negotiating team, the Luton workers effectively accepted a basic rate offer of between 4.2 and 4.95 per cent more.

Negotiations are expected to be resumed tomorrow on a productivity deal that may yield much more money. Last Tuesday the negotiators said they would not discuss those proposals until the management had improved the basic offer.

Yesterday's recommendation for a strike was put to the 30-minute meting by Mr Douglas Lawrence, chairman of the factory's joint workers' committee. When he called for the votes in favour there was a faint cheer followed by a loud shout of derision.

After calling for opponents of the strike to raise their hands, Mr Lawrence said: "There is no need to count them, the vote is so overwhelmingly."

A vote by 8,000 manual workers at Vauxhall's more militant plant at Ellesmere Port, Merseyside, to back the strike all still stands. But a senior of the Amalgamated Union of ngineering Workers shop eward at the plant said last ight: "We shall be reviewing ie position in the light of this eek's meeting of the joint egotiating committee."

Response to the Luton vote, the day after a similar vote rejecting the strike call by 4,500 workers at Dunstable on Monday, was swift. It was said in Whitehall, as senior union leaders gathered for another round of talks with economic ministers, that the decision would strengthen the Government's determination to stick by the 5 per cent limit.

In a joint statement Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, opposition spokesman on Treasury affairs, and Mr James Prior, spokesman on employment, congratulated the Vauxhall workers on a courageous vote.

The statement said that having taken "a long, cool look at the realities of their own company's position", the Vauxhall employees had done exactly what was needed to restore "realistic and responsible collective bargaining".

Mr Hugh Scanlon, speaking 36 hours before he retires as president of the AUEW, said the vote indicated "that people want to know what is on the menu before they decide what they are not going to eat".

That laid an obligation on employers to put their full offer on the table. But it also meant that people wanted to "know what they are striking against as well as what they are striking for".

Referring to protest action by several hundred Vauxhall workers in the past week in favour of secret ballots instead of mass meetings, Mr Scanlon said: "This result is the answer to the secret ballot and to the suggestion that people are frightened to put their hands up at meetings".

The basic offer to the Vauxhall men ranges from £2.60 a week for unskilled day shift workers to £6.66 for skilled night shift workers, bringing the respective totals to £88.53 and £10.66 a week. The management has offered, outside the productivity proposals still to be discussed, a 1.5 per cent further increase conditional on the maintenance of output.

In the other troubled sector of the car industry, a full meeting of the Ford national joint negotiating council is likely on Friday. But no final decision will be made until today's full meeting of the union side has had a chance to hear a report back from Monday's informal talks between representatives of both sides.

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Jeers drown secret ballot plea by former public school boy

From Our Correspondent
Luton

A former public schoolboy braved abuse and a shower of eggs to speak against a strike at the Luton plant before yesterday's overwhelming vote.

Mr Timothy Bungard, aged 24, a Vauxhall trim shop worker, climbed on a step ladder at the mass meeting.

What had been a peaceful gathering quickly became noisy as Mr Bungard took a microphone and tried to speak gainst the 14-day strike notice ssued to the company and to demand a secret ballot on the ompletion of negotiations.

As jeers and catcalls drowned is words, he was hit by one of everal eggs. Attempts were nade to pull him from the adder.

Mr Bungard finished speaking, then collapsed in tears nto the arms of reporters tanding near by. He was pale, haking and sobbing as he eached for a cigarette.

Mr Bungard, a former pupil f Reed's School, Chobham, urrey, is the son of the manag ng director of a management raining centre in Hertfordshire.

He said after the meeting: I just spoke up for the people work with. There are a roup of us on the shop floor who did not like what was appening and they asked me to speak for them at today's meeting, so I did."



Mr Bungard making the speech no one heard.

Mr Bungard has been at Vauxhalls for only eight months.

In a Luton café he read the speech that no one heard. It said:

"It has become apparent to a large number of the workforce at the Luton plant that the 14-day strike notice is premature. They feel that the unions' joint negotiating committee should reopen negotiations and hear the full proposals of the management. With the completion of negotiations a secret ballot should be held to determine whether or not the proposals are acceptable to the shop floor.

Whether this is the feeling of all our brothers and sisters I do not know. It is up to you to decide the outcome of this meeting. Thank you."

Mr Bungard said he decided last Friday to speak at the meeting. On Monday he led a march by 1,500 men through the factory to the convener's office to demand a secret ballot.

He said yesterday "The chairman of the unions' joint works committee, Douglas Lawrence, agreed to let me speak. I think he is a very courageous man."

"I did not know I would get that sort of reception. It really shook me. I believe it is the right of the working man to have his say. We are the unions and we should not be afraid, but I was terrified.

"I will go on for as long as I am needed and will speak again if I am asked to.

"I am not a union activist although I have a card. It is a closed shop here and I am a member of the Transport and General Workers' Union".



Photograph by Brian Harris

A plentiful choice of autumn leaves for a posy in Hyde Park, London, yesterday.

Unemployment total falls to 1,365,000

By Caroline Atkinson

Unemployment fell again this month and the number of job vacancies—which gives a measure of the demand for labour—rose to its highest level (after allowance for seasonal factors) since November, 1974.

Adult unemployment in Britain dropped by 17,100 in October to 1.3 million (5.6 per cent of the workforce) after seasonal adjustment. There was a much larger fall, of 81,801, in total jobless largely because many schoolleavers found employment and left the register. There were 1,365,000 people registered as unemployed this month.

Mr Albert Booth, the Secretary of State for Employment, in a statement, said the Government's success in reducing inflation was beginning to be reflected in lower unemployment figures.

When the level of unemployment first began to fall last autumn there was considerable official caution about how long lived the drop would prove to be. It was something of a puzzle as output had scarcely risen at all.

However, there is still a feeling among some economists that while the underlying rate of unemployment has levelled out, it is too soon to be sure that it is falling.

Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, said that although the fall was welcome, the fact remained that the medium and long term prospects were still extremely gloomy.

Fewer people benefited from job creation schemes in October, suggesting that the underlying rise in the demand for labour was greater than shown by the fall in those registered as unemployed.

The job creation measures have added to the difficulty in interpreting the unemployment figures. They are estimated to be helping 260,000 people this month, a drop of 20,000 from September. The actual effect on the dole queue is rather less, at an estimated 172,000 this month, 8,000 below the equivalent figure in September.

One indication of the improvement in unemployment is the larger number of schoolleavers who have found jobs this year compared with last. There were 16,000 fewer workless in the middle of this month than in October 1977. Nine out of ten school-leavers this year are thought to have found jobs or further training.

There are 76,379 first time job hunters on the unemployment register this month, a drop of 54,284 from September.

Adult unemployment after accounting for seasonal factors is 78,200 lower now than at its peak in September 1977. The jobless on this measure represent 5.6 per cent of the labour force, compared with 5.9 per cent a year ago.

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Attempt to cut off funds for the guillotine

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Oct 24

For the first time in 70 years—the last debate on the subject took place in 1908—the French National Assembly today was taking up the controversial question of the abolition of the death penalty. The Government, which has control over the parliamentary agenda, has consistently refused to allow the issue to come up for discussion, on the ground that the climate was not right for so serious an issue to be treated with the appropriate degree of detachment.

Its hand is being forced by M Pierre Bas, a Gaullist, and M Raymond Forni, a Socialist, by way of amendments to the budget of the ministry of justice, suppressing the appropriations of 185,000 francs (£21,760) for the maintenance of the guillotine, and the salary of the executioner (6,000 francs a month, with a premium of 2,000 francs for each execution, free of tax).

The two deputies regret that so grave a matter should be brought up by a procedural device. But failing the Government's readiness to earmark time for a debate on the issue itself, they hope to obtain the suppression of the appropriations, which would make the death penalty inoperative.

The death penalty would remain on the Statute Book, and courts could still sentence to it, but there would be no means of carrying it out, unless the Government earmarked funds for the chapter of incidental expenses of the budget for this purpose, which would place it in a false position.

If their amendments succeed, the aim of the abolitionists, in the next stage, will be to provoke a big debate on the substance of the death penalty itself, to bring the law in tune with practice.

The abolitionists are still a minority in Parliament, M Bas acknowledged at a press conference last week. They are also a minority in the country as a whole. According to the latest poll, 58 per cent of Frenchmen are in favour of retaining it (there were 72 per cent two years ago); and 74 per cent support a general debate in Parliament on the issue.

The abolitionists are, however, gaining ground slowly in the National Assembly. The 200 deputies of the left are for the suppression of the death penalty; but only about 30 support M Bas on the government side, and 256 are required to obtain a majority.

Israeli doubts hold up approval of treaty

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Oct 24

The Israeli Cabinet spent seven hours today discussing the draft peace treaty with Egypt and will continue its deliberations tomorrow.

As the debate proceeded, President Carter sent a message to Mr Menachem Begin the Israeli Prime Minister, urging Israel to accept the draft. A similar telegram was sent from London by Mr Callaghan.

Today's discussions followed a four-hour session last night during which the Israeli ministers, who negotiated the draft with Egypt and the United States in Washington, presented the text and gave a first hand account of their efforts.

Ten ministers expressed their views in some detail today and a further six are expected to do so tomorrow before Mr Begin sums up.

Asked at the end of today's session why the discussions were taking so long, Mr Shmuel Tamir, the Minister of Justice, said the issues of war and peace were critical and far-reaching, and the ministers were under a very heavy responsibility.

Mr Simha Ehrlich, the Minister of Finance, said he hoped the Cabinet would approve the draft tomorrow. However, several ministers are known to harbour serious reservations. One of them, Mr Yitzhak Moda'i, the Energy Minister, said he intends to submit a plan of his own which he believes could solve the problem over linking the peace treaty with the proposed negotiations on the future of the West Bank. Egypt wants a clear connexion to be made between the two elements while Israel's view has been that there can be no legal coupling.

There are conflicting impressions of how satisfied Mr Begin is with the draft. One suggestion is that he has several reservations and as a result Israel may propose a series of amendments.

The Cabinet's deliberations are taking place against a background of what seems to be deepening unease in political circles over what Israel is having to accept. This was expressed by several Knesset members, including former supporters of the Camp David agreements at a meeting of the ruling Likud's Knesset caucus.

One of them, Mr Meir Cohen, of Mr Begin's Herut Party, said he had been proud to vote for the Camp David proposals. But he was having second thoughts in view of what appeared to have happened at the Washington negotiations. Mr Michael Dekel, also of Herut, said he had abstained in the Knesset vote on the Camp David agreements, and was now profoundly concerned at what he called the galloping collapse of the Government in its negotiating stance in the face of American pressures. He saw great dangers to Israel's presence in the West Bank.

Fifteen members of the Likud's Liberal faction also expressed concern and the National Religious Party, the second largest in the ruling coalition, has indicated that it will not accept any weakening of the Government's stance in the face of what it calls heavy pressure from the Carter Administration.

One issue which is particularly annoying the Israelis is the effort by Mr Harold Saunders, the American Assistant Secretary of State, to persuade the Jordanians and the Palestinians to join the peace negotiations. The Government and apparently many opposition politicians had taken exception to the suggestion made to the Arabs by Mr Saunders that East Jerusalem would be returned to Arab sovereignty.

Mr Begin is understood to have told the Americans that Mr Saunders's efforts amount to

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Inferno of Los Angeles blots out midday sun

From Ivor Davis
Malibu, California, Oct 24

At four o'clock yesterday afternoon Malibu looked like Dante's Inferno. Everything was burning. The hills, the trees and homes. By late afternoon my neighbourhood was as black as a moonless night. Smoke blotted out the sun. It was a terrifying scene.

Just a few minutes earlier I had evacuated my wife Sally, our two children, Rebecca, aged nine and Gideon, aged six, and the family Dalmatian. They drove away from the flames to nowhere in particular.

I finally fled myself as fire enveloped the house across the road. I dropped the garden hose and ran. The fierce Santa Ana desert wind acting as a hot bellows to the flames nearly knocked me down. It blew my glasses off, it rocked my car.

The most frightening thing about the fire was the incredible speed with which it enveloped everything. One minute it had hit the ridge above our home and seconds later it was racing relentlessly towards our street in the foot hills overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

When I finally ran, ashes and smoke were everywhere. There was not a fire engine in sight. The surrounding hills were a sea of flames. Firemen, we later discovered, were all over southern California fighting eight big fires which, in less than 24 hours, destroyed 33,000 acres, hundreds of homes and forced several thousand families to evacuate.

Pacific Coast Highway, a 26-mile stretch of land that starts at the ocean and goes back into the foothills for a mile, was jammed with families. It was a strange scene.

An hour later I had teamed up with my family at the emergency evacuation centre which had been set up in Malibu 10 miles away. We exchanged stories. Many were in tears. Many never knew whether they had a house to go go home to. Communications were impossible. There were just too many fires and not enough firemen.

Three hours later I decided to try to see if my house still stood. Fires were still burning everywhere. Huge clouds of orange, black and white smoke filled the night sky and the air was acrid. I drove through police lines and once had to speed through a wall of flames that bridged the Pacific Coast Highway near my home.

My heart beat loudly as I turned into my street. My house stood untouched. The dropped hose still squirted water. Yet 20 yards away a neighbour's house stood black and burning.

My family stayed with neighbours. I slept fitfully, a hose by my side in case new winds or sparks came my way. This morning Malibu was a surrealistic scene. In our neighbourhood whole blocks of homes lay scorched and blackened. I drove around and saw neighbours standing in the ruins of their homes.

The ocean lapped quietly onto the beach while a few yards away a magnificent $1m house belonging to Lucien Bailard, a Hollywood cameraman, was a smouldering ruin.

Today they are fighting the fires again.

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Bobby Locke in court

Johannesburg, Oct 24.—Bobby Locke, aged 60, the golfer, appeared in court today in connexion with an alleged murder attempt. He was not charged, and was released pending a later hearing. The allegations are believed to involve an incident in which a man was shot and wounded yesterday.

Locke won the British Open championship four times between 1949 and 1957.

Tanker to sink

The owners of the Christos Bitas, the oil tanker that struck rocks off the Welsh coast, have told the Secretary of State for Trade that they have decided that the ship is not worth repairing. She will be taken out and sunk in deep water.

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Dewar's the first to bottle the spirit of Scotland

Britain will join Airbus consortium

Britain will join the European airbus nsortium with a 20 per cent share om January. With a commitment of 250m, Britain will get a full seat on ie board and British Aerospace will in contracts to build the wings for ie 200-seater version of the A300, ie A310, and be an independent artner in future airbus develop- ients Page 29

Redgraves sue

High Court hearing has opened in hich Vanessa Redgrave, her brother orin and four other leaders of the 'orkers' Revolutionary Party are eeing *The Observer* and Mr David stor, its former editor, for libel. ounsel for the six said a report of rents at a WRP school was "grossly anted" to throw the worst light on ie plaintiffs Page 5

Two-day debate on Rhodesia

The Government has reached an agreement with the Opposition to devote two days of the time allotted for the Queen's Speech in two weeks' time to a "package" debate on the situation in Rhodesia and to the oil sanctions-breaking operations disclosed by the report of the Bingham Inquiry Page 2

French TV strike

French television technicians on all three channels began a three-day protest strike over a report on broadcasting urging large-scale redundancies and other economies. Meanwhile 28,000 French seamen were still out, while postmen demanding more staff plan a national strike today Page 5

Paying for PAYE

The cost of preparing the Pay As You Earn tax tables for this year is forecast by the Treasury to be £2.3m, compared with £112,000 last year. Page 29

IRA threat to bomb Britain

The Provisional IRA is planning to renew terrorist bomb attacks in Britain, possibly during the general election campaign. A source close to the IRA leadership told Christopher Walker that such attacks were considered more effective in gaining international publicity than bombings and killings in Northern Ireland Page 3

'Timid and late'

A highly critical statement on recent moves by the Rhodesian transitional Government to remove racial discrimination has been issued by the country's Roman Catholic Commission for Peace and Justice. It describes the measures as "timid and late" and says they are no answer to the problem Page 7

Moscow hits back in Yalta debate

In the first detailed Soviet comment on the charges made by Count Nikolai Tolstoy in his book *The Victims of Yalta*, apolitical journal in Moscow has accused the Western press of "creating an uproar" over the repatriation of prisoners of war and civilians after the Second World War Page 6

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HOME NEWS

Ministers and TUC advance towards understanding on pay

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

Senior ministers and TUC leaders are well advanced in shaping a joint declaration on pay that will emphasize the need to keep inflation within single figures.

Further progress was made last night when Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and other economic ministers met the TUC's six representatives on the National Economic Development Council at a private dinner.

The TUC General Council will probably be given an outline of the emergent new "understanding" today, but approval for a joint document would first have to come from the TUC's economic committee. The Prime Minister would be delighted if a joint statement could be agreed in time for the Queen's Speech on November 1.

The talks are mainly covering low pay, public spending and price controls.

The Vauxhall decision yesterday was the most heartening news so far for the Government, but there is still a deadlock at Ford.

The TUC team sees price controls as the key factor in the talks, and has mooted the idea of a 12-month gap between price rises. All the signs are that both sides are trying to get a joint statement ready by the end of the month.

Guideline emphasized: Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, last night repeated the Government's intention of sticking to its 5 per cent pay guideline (the Press Association reports).

But he said it was not seeking confrontation with trade unions over the guidelines.

He told a meeting a Eyemouth Town Hall that the Government's intention of keeping inflation within single figures had the backing of the whole country, including the unions.

Communist backed at final Scanlon meeting

By Our Labour Staff

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' executive council, in its last meeting to be presided over by Mr Hugh Scanlon, yesterday made official a strike at a Sheffield company that has refused to reemploy a former Communist Party official.

The 110 union members at Doncaster-Sheffield, an engineering company, have been on strike for six weeks in support of Mr George Ashberry, who worked there until 1971 as a skilled craftsman and has since been a local full-time communist official.

The management said last night that Mr Ashberry's craft abilities were not in doubt and denied that he was being discriminated against because of his political associations. Although a vacancy did exist it was felt that he would not be "an asset to the company".

Pensioners' earnings rule to be retained

By Par Healy
Social Services Correspondent

The Government has decided not to abolish the earnings rule for pensioners at present because it would cost too much and help mainly people in full-time jobs who have deferred retirement. The net cost is estimated at between £64m and £124m, of which £2m would go to people whose pensions are reduced by the earnings rule.

But a review of the rule laid before Parliament yesterday made plain that the Government remains committed to abolishing the rule when resources allow. The review also made plain that the earnings rule for the wives of retired and invalid pensioners will not be abolished because for them it was a test of dependency.

The earnings rule applies only to pensioners who are within five years of retirement age. Their pensions are reduced when their earnings exceed £40 a week, rising to £45 next month. Pensioners whose wives earn more than that amount lose their right to an increase for their "dependants".

Politicians from all parties have sought abolition of the rule for some time, and a backbench revolt in 1975 succeeded in raising the limit above the level the Government wanted. Since then, the rule has been linked to increases in average earnings and must be reviewed annually.

The review discloses that a retirement survey by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys last year found that people affected by the rule have little knowledge of it and were unaware of the increase in the limit since 1974 when it was £9.50. But although 40,000 pensioners who knew the limit last spring said they deliberately earned less because of it, only one pensioner in 35 increased his earnings when the limit rose.

The survey found that few people regarded the rule as an important factor when they decided to defer retirement. A third said they would still defer retirement in order to get a bigger pension if the rule was abolishe

"It must be recognized that as and when abolition of the rule can be afforded (and the sums at stake are not small) the benefit to pensioners of the day will be mainly psychological", the review said.

The cost of abolishing the rule, it continued, depended mainly on the number of people now deferring their retirement who would take pensions instead. If two fifths continued to forgo their pensions, worth more than £1,000 a year for a single person from next month, the cost would be £64m in the year from November this year. If all those now deferring took pensions, the cost would be £124m.

The review will be published when the dispute at the Stationery Office allows.

Wondrous deeds of ministers recalled

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent

In a ceremony lasting little more than an hour, Parliament was prorogued yesterday until November 1, when the session opening of what will be the last session before a general election will be shown on television.

Apart from the normal routine mutterings and gestures of a somewhat indelicate nature from Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, prorogation followed its traditional course, with only Mr Michael English, Labour MP for Nottingham, West apparently trying to engineer some sort of protest over the 10-minute wait at the start of proceedings for Black Rod to summon the Commons to hear the Queen's Speech in the House of Lords.

Abolitionists and rentionists jostled shoulder to shoulder as they crowded into the small space at the Bar of the Upper Chamber to hear the Lord Chancellor, Lord Elwyn-Jones, read, on behalf of the Queen, the account of the Government's activities during the last session of Parliament.

Many an MP must have wondered whether he and the Government had taken part in the same session as he listened to the wondrous deeds of Mr Callaghan and his ministers from Norther Ireland to Namibia, and from loft insulation to the Drox power station.

Although, towards the end of the lengthy account it seemed as though the Government was beginning to pad out the speech to the required length of time, the general impression was that the world would have been a much poorer and less secure place if the Prime Minister and his ministers had not kept a steady hand on the tiller.

Only Mr Skinner of the MPs present seemed openly sceptical of what was being said from the wonders of open government and the reform of official secrets, to the delights of incomes policy and 5 per cent guidelines. However, this was not the occasion for great controversy, and as the Speaker sternly told Mr English after an early attempt to stir things up: "Hostilities begin next week.

18 more stations in local radio expansion

By Robert Parker

Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, yesterday gave the BBC and IBA permission to open up 18 more local radio stations in the immediate future. He said the Government was keen to see both bodies expand local radio to the maximum in the longer term.

His announcement comes after a period of several years in which the BBC and IBA have been prevented from opening new stations pending a decision about the best way to expand. The restrictions were imposed on the BBC in 1970, when it had 20 stations, and on the IBA in 1972, when it had 19.

Both bodies welcomed yesterday's announcement and plan to start opening new stations as soon as possible. The IBA hopes to open the first two in the next 18 months or two years.

The BBC is also keen to start them quickly but there may be difficulties because of money. Mr Aubrey Singer, managing director of BBC Radio, is to elaborate on that and other points this morning.

The BBC has been given approval for stations at Barrow-in-Furness, Cambridge, Lincoln, Northampton, Norwich, Shrewsbury, Taunton, Truro and York; the IBA for Aberdeen and Inverness, Bournemouth, Cardiff, Chelmsford and Southend, Coventry, Dundee and Perth, Exeter and Torbay, Gloucester, and Peterborough.

Mr Rees's announcement comes after the report of the working party on local radio set up earlier this year after the publication of the White Paper on broadcasting in July. The document was the result of the Government's consideration of the Annan report on the future of broadcasting, published in March, 1977.

The working party reported on October 18. Mr Rees said yesterday: The working party will continue its consideration of the future development of the respective services to fulfil the Government's intention that local radio stations should be available to as much of the population of the United Kingdom as possible".

Before stations can open, procedures include allocation of frequencies and awarding of franchises.

Four secrets charges effectively dropped

By Craig Seton

The four most serious charges against two journalists and a former soldier in the Official Secrets Act trial were effectively dropped yesterday. Mr Justice Mars-Jones told the jury that it no longer need concern itself with charges under section 1 of the Act, which could have carried a maximum prison sentence of 14 years on conviction.

The jury was recalled for the first time since Monday morning, when protracted legal arguments began, to be given the news. The judge told them that as a result "your task is going to be considerably shortened".

It was the fifteenth day of the trial at the Central Criminal Court. Duncan Campbell and Crispin Aubrey, both journalists, and John Berry, a former member of the Intelligence Corps, still face four charges under section 2 of the Act, which could carry a maximum prison sentence of two years on conviction.

The judge told the jury that because of the changed situation, the trial would have to be adjourned until tomorrow to give time to see how much of the documentary evidence "can be put on the bonfire".

The section 1 charge against Mr Berry alleged that of February 18 last year, for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interest of the state, he communicated to Mr Campbell information that might have been directly or indirectly useful to an enemy.

Mr Campbell was charged with obtaining information from Mr Berry on the same day. Mr Aubrey was charged twice, once with making an appointment between Mr Berry and Mr Campbell, and with abetting Mr Campbell to commit an offence. They deny the charges.

The four remaining charges, under section 2, allege that Mr Berry communicated information obtained as an office-holder under her Majesty to Mr Campbell; that Mr Campbell received such information and THAT Mr Aubrey did a preparatory act (making an appointment) and abetted Mr Campbell to commit an offence. They deny those charges.

Mr Berry, aged 34, was a member of the Intelligence Corps between 1976 and 1970. Mr Campbell, aged 26, a free-lance scientific and technical journalist at the time of his arrest last year, is now working for *New Statesman*. Mr Aubrey, aged 32, is on the staff of the magazine *Time Out*.

The prosecution has alleged that in a tape-recorded interview at Mr Berry's flat last year he gave to the two journalists information about British Signals Intelligence (Sigint).

Councils 'must keep to limit'

By Christopher Warman

Local government must ensure that pay settlements for council employees are kept within the Government's 5 per cent guideline, Mr A. G. Taylor, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said yesterday.

His warning comes as representatives of a million council manual workers prepare to meet local authority negotiators over their claim for a rise of two fifths.

Mr Taylor told a meeting of the Conservative-controlled association that ministers had indicated to the chairmen of the local authority associations last week that cash limits on council spending would be fixed at a level consistent with the pay policy.

On present definitions cash limits on the rate-support grant would allow only for not more than 5 per cent.

Mr Taylor complained that the Government had announced its intention of deducting £2m to £3m from its grant because it regarded the recent settlement for chief executives and chief officers as above the guideline, although local government believed it was within the spirit of Phase Three.

Local government had lost, for this year at least, their freedom to begin to put right the many anomalies arising from three years of strict pay policy.

He did not want a repetition of the police and firemen's disputes. Then government intervention had led to big pay rises, even though local authority negotiators had been following loyally the Government's pay policy.

No progress in Acas talks to resolve hospital dispute

By John Roper
Health Services Correspondent

No progress was made yesterday in the six hours of talks arranged by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), to resolve the hospital engineers' and supervisors' dispute.

The talks took place in an atmosphere of increased bitterness, with charges and counter-charges about ministerial inaction, hospital consultants' allegations that patients are dying, and growing acrimony between management and union representatives.

In the total of 12 hours during which Mr Andrew Kerr, the Chief Conciliation Officer, had tried to find some common ground, the management and staff sides had still not met.

When the talks were adjourned late on Monday both sides were asked by Acas to produce documents stating their positions.

Mr Allan Black, chairman of the 12 staff representatives said they had agreed to the adjournment only because they were always willing to talk. But his opinion was that so far the discussions, if not pointless, were nearly so because the management side had produced nothing new.

Mrs Rachel Kelly, chairman of the management side, was similarly pessimistic. As she arrived for yesterday's meeting she said: "After this length of time I am beginning to doubt whether we shall succeed and I am feeling very distressed because I am concerned about the service." But they would explore every possibility, she added.

Seamen's union rejects offer of 5.6 pc

A 5.6 per cent pay offer to 40,000 seamen was rejected yesterday. Mr James Slater, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, said it was not acceptable.

He said the union was abiding by TUC guidelines, free collective bargaining with responsibility, in negotiations with the employers, the General Council of British Shipping.

The council says its offer, a Phase Four increase, is within the Government's pay policy. The added 0.6 per cent is related to seamen's allowance for food on leave, at present £1.50 a day.

Cash for pupils scheme is threatened

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

The future of the Government's proposed scheme of weekly grants for pupils aged between 16 and 18 hangs in the balance. The Cabiner will decide tomorrow whether to proceed with a plan that would cost between £75m and £120m a year.

Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, will be fighting to save what is essentially her scheme, although it has received government approval in principle, from the knives of the Treasury officials. The Treasury is determined to hold down public spending in the next financial year.

The Cabinet will also be discussing the possibility of increasing substantially the cost of school meals, depite the statement in the Government's progress report on education, published less than two months ago, that the charge for the meal would be held at the present level of 25p throughout 1978-79. The average economic cost of each meal is 47p.

Only a few weeks ago, Mrs Williams made clear than the Government intended to introduce early in the next parliamentary session legislation to oblige authorities to pay means-tested grants to 16 to 18-year-olds who remained in full-time education.

Under the proposed scheme, pupils would have been eligible for grants ranging from £1 to £7.50 a week, depending on their parents' incomes. Just under half the 550,000 16 to 18-year-olds in sixth forms and colleges would have been eligible for some form of grant. Mrs Williams had hoped to have the scheme in operation by next September.

Now it appears that enough money will not be available, at least in funds allocated by the Treasury to education. However, Mrs Williams is hoping that she may be able to persuade her Cabinet colleagues to allow her to use some of the substantial funds made available to the Department of Employment for the various programmes to help to alleviate youth unemployment.

Bindery dispute causes legal concern

By Our Planning Reporter

The Civil Service Department yesterday declined to comment on the legal implications of a dispute that has prevented the distribution of government publications.

It was caused by the government intention to close a small bindery and transfer the staff elsewhere. When the staff objected, members of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades employed at the Stationery Office warehouse took action in sympathy.

So far the most significant victim of the dispute, now in its seventh week, has been the London Gazette. If the trouble continues after Parliament reassembles, it will affect the availability of Bills and other legislative documents.

The *Gazette* is used by several government departments to publish official notices. It is still being published, but is available only from the Stationery Office.

The Department of Transport said yesterday that it had ceased publishing new road orders until the dispute ended. Under the Highways Act, 1959, it is specifically required to publish its proposals in the *Gazette*. But the same does not apply to notices of inquiries, which have to be published in "a conspicuous place", and in at least two local newspapers.

The Home Office and the Departments of Trade and of the Environment referred inquiries to the Civil Service Department, which said that any allegations that the Government had failed to fulfil its statutory obligations would need to be tested in the High Court.

£200.000 raids at Heathrow

Platinum and diamonds to a value of more than £200,000 have been stolen in two robberies at Heathrow airport.

Both raids took place at the British Caledonian warehouse in Heathrow's cargo village, within four days of each other, and the police believe them to be the work of one gang. The property arrived on Sabena flights from Brussels.

Two die in house fire

Mrs Elizabeth McLean, aged 65, and Karen McLean, her grand-daughter, aged 10, died in a house fire in Robroyston Road, Provanmill, Glasgow, yesterday. Mr Andrew McLean, aged 69, was dragged to safety.

Head teachers support pay policy

The National Association of Head Teachers, the largest head teachers' union, today supports the Government's pay policy but says it must recognize the need to restore lost differentials.

The 20,000-member association criticizes free collective bargaining, which it says can only mean that negotiators will be demanding increases of far more than 5 per cent.

"The consequences of demands of such magnitude are a terrible prospect", the union says.

The head teachers call on the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service to set up an independent inquiry into the relative decline in teachers' pay since the 1974 Houghton report on salaries.

The National Union of Teachers, the biggest teachers' union, today publishes an "action guide" to end oversized classes. It advises members on what they can do, including taking official protest action against education authorities.

'Package' Rhodesia debate will suit both parties

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The Government has reached an unusual agreement with the Opposition to wrap up, in one Commons debate in two weeks' time, both the present situation in Rhodesia and the past years of oil sanctions-breaking by British companies disclosed in the report of the Bingham inquiry.

In addition, a vote is planned on the annual renewal of the Rhodesia sanction order, probably on the evening on on which the Rhodesia debate concludes. The two-day debate is to be held during the seven days allotted to debating the Queen's Speech, which opens the new session on November 1. That means that the Opposition, which is supposedly bent on bringing down the Government in the final vote on the Queen's Speech, now set for November 9, has in fact extended its life for another two days.

While it might strike the casual onlooker as perfectly logical to take all the Rhodesia matter together, the arrangement smacks of a political fi to some observers.

Ministers protest, however that since the worsening situation in Rhodesia must be mentioned in the Queen's Speec it makes most sense to take a the issues together. Those ministers most closely co cerned insist that the debat will deal predominantly wit the still vital political aspec of the Bingham report, namel why Britain could not, perhap still cannot, affront Sout Africa.

The Conservatives, nev having believed in sanction tend to feel that far too muc fuss has been made of th Bingham report and they a quite happy not to participa in post-mortems. They ma point the finger at Sir Harol Wilson's Government (in whic Mr Callaghan was a very pr minent minister) but they kno that sanctions were violated a through Mr Heath's time.

The way things are now bein arranged could also obviate an embarrassments for the Co servative Front Bench over th renewal of sanctions.



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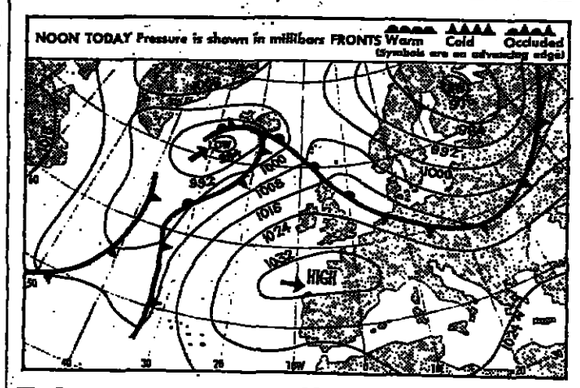
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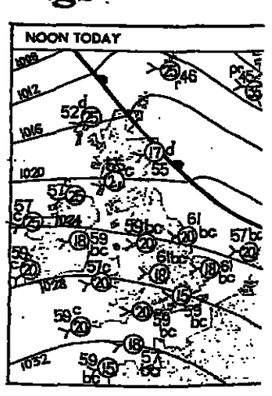
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Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.41 am Sun sets: 5.48 pm
Moon rises: 12.29 am Moon sets: 3.10 pm
New Moon: October 31.
Lighting up: 6.18 pm to 7.13 am.
High water: London Bridge, 8.35 am, 5.7m (18.6ft); 9.25 pm, 5.7m (18.8ft). Avonmouth, 1.30 am, 9.5m (31.3ft); 2.2 pm, 9.5m (31.3ft). Dover, 6.18 am, 5.2m (17.0ft) 7.7 pm, 5.1m (16.8ft). Hull, 12.20 am, 5.7m (18.6ft); 1.32 pm, 5.5m (17.9ft). Liverpool, 6.29 am, 7.0m (22.8ft); 6.57 pm, 7.1m (23.3ft).

Pressure remains high to the S but a frontal trough will cross many areas.

Forecasts for 6am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S, SW, NW, central N England, Midlands, Channel Islands, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, S W Scotland, Ireland: Cloudy at first, perhaps drizzle in places; Wind W, mostly moderate; max temp 17° to 19°C (63° to 66°F).

East Anglia, NE England: Rather cloudy, drizzle in places, bright spells later; Wind W, moderate; max temp 15°C (59°F).

Borders, Glasgow, Argyll: Cloudy, occasional rain, drier later; Wind W moderate or fresh; max temp 15°C (59°F).

Edinburgh and Dundee, central Highlands, NW Scotland: Rain at times, drier by evening; wind SW, veering W, fresh; max temp 13°C (55°F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Becoming cloudy with occasional rain; wind SW, veering W, fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Shetland: Sunny intervals, cloudier with rain by evening; wind W, backing SW, fresh; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry with sunny periods, except in N Scotland, which will be cloudy with some drizzle; overnight fog.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind W, fresh or strong; sea moderate, locally rough at first.

English Channel (E): Wind W moderate or fresh; sea slight.

St George's Channel: Wind SW, fresh; sea moderate.

Irish Sea: Wind SW, fresh to strong; sea moderate or rough

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	s	28	82	Copenhgn	r	11	52	L Palmas	f	28	77
Amsterdm	r	14	57	Dublin	d	15	59	Lisbon	s	25	77
Athens	f	18	64	Edinburgh	r	12	54	Locarno	s	16	61
Barcelona	f	20	68	Florence	s	22	72	London	c	16	61
Belfast	r	13	55	Funchal	s	22	72	Luxmbrg	c	16	61
Berlin	r	12	54	Geneva	r	11	52	Madrid	s	26	79
Biarritz	r	17	63	Gibraltar	s	19	66	Majorca	s	28	82
Birmingham	r	17	63	Guernsey	c	14	57	Malaga	s	28	82
Bristol	r	16	61	Helsinki	r	8	46	Malta	s	29	84
Brussels	r	14	57	Innsbruck	s	14	57	Manchstr	r	17	63
Budapest	s	14	57	Istanbul	r	11	52	Moscow	s	7	45
Cardiff	r	16	61	Jersey	c	14	57	Munich	s	15	59
Cologne	c	14	57								

	C	F
Naples	s	26
Nice	s	20
Oslo	r	10
Paris	c	16
Rome	s	21
Rondaway	c	15
Stockholm	r	10
Tel Aviv	s	26
Venice	s	16
Vienna	c	16
Warsaw	r	12
Zurich	s	15

b—blue sky; bc—half clouded; c—cloudy; d—drizzle; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; snow; th—thunderstorm; s—showers; p—periodical rain with snow.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 19°C (66°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 10°C (50°F). Humidity 7 pm, 74 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, a trace. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm 3.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm 1,024.9 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Bfr 2; Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, Dkr 4.5; Finland, Fmk 3.25; France, Frs 3.5; Germany, Dmk 0.50; Greece, Dr 5; Holland, Dfl 0.60; Hongkong, HK 6.00; Italy, Lire 700; Luxembourg, Lfr 25; Madeira, Esc 22.50; Malta, 25; Norway, Kr 4.50; Portugal, Esc 2; Spain, Pes 60; Sweden, Skr 4.5; Switzerland, Sfr 2.50; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 25.

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HOME NEWS

RA plans bombs in ngland 'during ection campaign'

Christopher Walker
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e Provisional IRA is reli- understood to be planning inch a new wave of terror- ombings on civilian and ge targets on the British and in an effort to increase rt for its campaign to the Government to with- troops from Northern Ire-

source close to the Provi- l IRA's so-called army il said this week that the ion had been taken because ks on English targets were ded as more effective in encing public opinion than action in Northern Ireland. ring our 90-minute conver- n on the outskirts of Dub- he source refused to dis- how soon the bombing aign was intended to be- But for some weeks there been speculation in Dublin Belfast that it will be timed incide with the calling of next general election.

y source cited as the most rtant consideration a feel- among IRA leaders that the sh public was willing to re the Northern Ireland s as long as there were terrorist incidents on the land. "That view became ous when the Labour Party erence refused point blank ebate Northern Ireland", he

e first indication that a wal of the bombing cam- n in England was being arened came at the nning of August when a interview with a senior leader was published in Dublin magazine *Magill*. It reprinted in the *Belfast ublican News*, which said the IRA spokesman had n authorized "by the army ncil to speak on behalf of movement".

n answer to the question there had been no bomb ck in England since uary last year, the IRA kesman told *Magill*: "It tainly has nothing to do h any agreement. The sole son has been a logistical one. Once we solved the logistical problem, which is *formidable because of the mas*sive surveillance there, the campaign in England will resume."

It is now said that the organizational difficulties have been overcome and that tactics will be greatly changed from those employed on previous occasions when many Irish bomb squads were quickly arrested.

"Attacks will be spread geographically and over periods of time", the IRA source told me this week. "To cut the risks of the bombers being caught, it is also very unlikely that any warnings will be given."

During the interview I was given no indication of how the many difficulties involved in mainland attacks have been overcome. But it is noted by observers that the blast incendiary, the type of bomb used recently against the Dublin-to-Belfast express, has come into existence only since the collapse of the last bombing campaign in England.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary has acknowledged privately that an unknown number of suspected Provisional IRA members are living under cover in England. It is assumed by Belfast detectives that they are awaiting a signal to renew the terror campaign.

The IRA source said there was now a strong belief inside the organization that a British political party could be influenced to espouse the "troops out" cause in order to *capitalize on public revulsion* against terror attacks on the British mainland.

British security sources in Northern Ireland acknowledge that an attempt by the Provisional IRA to revive its flagging fortunes by attempting to renew attacks on the mainland remains a possibility. But intelligence reports are believed to *encourage* scepticism about the organization having the manpower, capability or motivation to mount any such campaign on a sustained scale.

Governments cannot opt out of inflation fight, he tells Berwick and East Lothian meeting

'My stand has helped Tories' chances', Mr Heath says

From Ronald Faux
Tranent, Lothian

Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, was plainly unrepentant about the division over the pay policy *that he has opened within the* Tory Party when he arrived at Tranent yesterday to support the Conservative candidate in the Berwick and East Lothian by-election.

The invitation, from Miss Margaret Marshall, was made before the disagreement between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Heath about the pay *policy became public, but the* Tory candidate has strongly denied that she had attempted to cancel Mr Heath's visit.

She agreed with Mrs Thatcher's line on pay policy, she said, but why was everyone expected to agree totally all the time? Pay was crucially important and no party had yet found the right answer.

She doubted whether Mrs Thatcher was quite as far apart from Mr Heath as reports had it. Mrs Thatcher's view was that free collective bargaining should be "responsible". That was a vital qualification. It did not mean a return to a free-for-all in pay negotiations.

Mr Heath breezed amiably through the centre of Tranent besieged by schoolchildren seeking his autograph and a woman who followed him singing a shrill version of "The Red Flag" before sticking a Labour sign on his lapel. Mr Heath immediately removed the offending sticker and said he had nothing to add to his first statement on pay policy. He believed Tory chances in the by-election had been increased by the publication of his view that *positive restraints on pay were* necessary.

Speaking later, Mr Heath insisted that final responsibility for fighting inflation lay with the Government.

"I know only too well that when things go wrong it is the Government that carries the can", he said. "Governments cannot opt out. They are expected to use all the weapons at their command in his crucial battle so that the country can become more efficient".

The economy was no less precarious now than it was two years ago when Britain was *taken to the brink of collapse* by rampant hyper-inflation.

That inflation had halved the value of sterling, doubled prices and unemployment, slashed the value of savings and *blunted the competitiveness of* industry.

"While this Government now appears to be on a saner course", he added, "fundamentally little has changed. Our *industrial base is still weak*. We are only just back to the level of production left by the Conservative Government in 1974.

"I know from my postbag how terrified people are of re*turning to runaway inflation*. They look to the Government of the day to play its part in seeing that this does not happen".

Miss Marshall, speaking of *the differences between* Mrs Thatcher and Mr Heath said: "What I see is two Conservative statesmen, each with a deep concern for the future of their country, seriously debating this issue that has no simple solution and that has divided government upon government since the war".

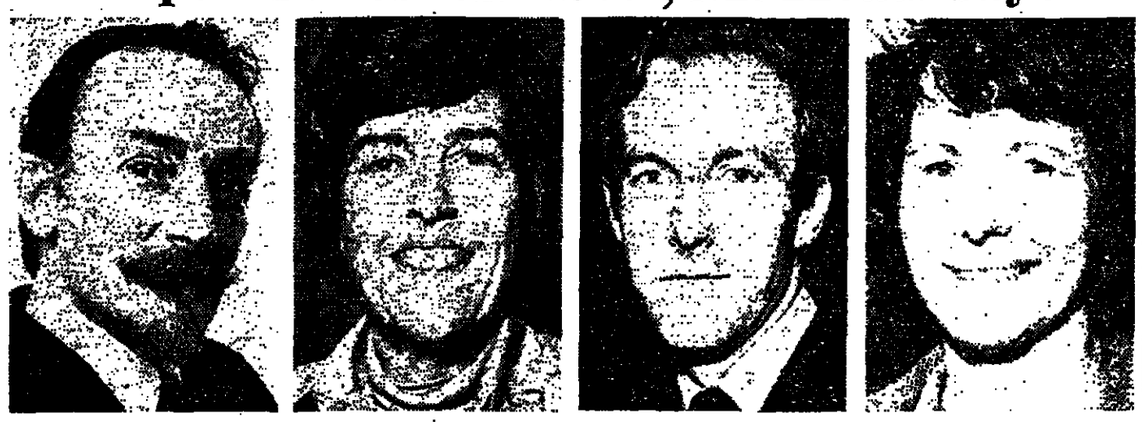
Mr John Home Robertson, the Labour candidate and successor to *Professor John* Mackintosh, is in comparison with Mr Mackintosh, young inexperienced and easily confounded by questions on the world beyond the rolling downs *of Berwickshire, where he* farms 800 acres. In manner, background and name (he is distantly related to Lord Home of the Hirsel), he is an unusual Labour prospect.

Miss Marshall, a chartered secretary, is faster and more positive with the answers at her press conference, and she has a brisk, impressive manner. She has fought two by-elections in England.

There is little expectation that the Scottish National Party or the Liberals, represented by Mr Tam Glen, will increase their vote much from that at the October, 1974, election, when the SNP candidate came within an ace of losing his deposit.

The SNP has an excellent, if pregnant, candidate in Miss Isobel Lindsay, who is campaigning under her maiden name. She is married to Mr Tom MacAlpine and both hold senior offices in the SNP.

General election: J. P. Mackintosh (Lab), 20,682; *M. Ancram (C)*, 17,942; R. Macleod (SNP), 6,323; C. F. Lawson (L), 2,811. Lab maj: 2,470.



The candidates (from left): Mr Tam Glen (L), Miss Margaret Marshall (C), Mr John Home Robertson (Lab), and Miss Isobel Lindsay (SNP).

Application for atom test bores rejected

From Our Correspondent
Ayr

Kyle and Carrick District Council yesterday rejected a planning application by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for a five-year programme of test bores in the granite hills south of Loch Doon, on the Strathclyde and Galloway border.

By 19 votes to five the council endorsed a decision earlier this month by the council's planning committee. If the authority appeals to the Secretary of State for Scotland, he could order a public inquiry.

Councillor Struan Stevenson *proposed that a list of 11* stringent conditions should be attached to any permission. They include provision that no drilling and no helicopter flights to the site be allowed during the mating season of the rare birds that breed in the area, which is regarded by naturalists as one of the most important unspoilt wildernesses of Britain.

Dr James Boyle said: "Surely it is better that we should grant permission subject to all these conditions rather than run the risk of letting it go to appeal to some beaurauccrat who may grant it without conditions".

Mr Sandy Paton, the provost, told the council that his decision to oppose the application had been influenced by Dr J. Lewis, of the authority, who said it would be difficult to dissociate research from nuclear waste dumping in connexion with the application.

Lack of cash reduces size of London Film Festival

Martin Huckerby

Financial and other difficul- have led to a reduction in size of this year's London n Festival, which will run 16 days instead of 21 and rate on a very tight budget.

he British Film Institute, ch is providing £27,000 of *£31,000 subsidy for the* t, said: "Financial restric- s, which have affected many he arts, have meant that less ial money is available this r than in the past."

s well as the cut in the th of the festival, almost all licity has been eliminated. out 87 feature films were wn last year, and it is hoped re will be only 10 fewer this r. That has been achieved by ting the number of times h film is shown, from per- s four screenings each to . There will also be more -time programmes, particularly in the mornings, than last year.

One reason for the smaller festival is that staff at the institute, and at the National Film Theatre, where films will be shown, could not cope with the additional work of a three-week festival.

The idea of hiring extra staff *was rejected, largely because of* cost. A shorter festival was planned, with a total subsidy £1,000 less than last year which, given rising costs, means a big actual reduction.

*Nevertheless this year's fes*tival, from November 15 to 30, will include the latest films from many leading directors, among them Ingmar Bergman's *The Autumn Sonata*, Robert Altman's *A Wedding*, Woody Allen's *Interiors*, Frederick Wiseman's *Sinai Field Mission* and the world premiere of Claude Goretta's *The Roads of Exile*.

andidate for Oxford poetry hair resigns

Mr Van McNabb, a country et, of Combe, Oxfordshire, a candidate for the Oxford iversity professorship of etry, has withdrawn from the ntest.

He said that Mr Daniel Moyn, president of the Oxford ion, had spoken rudely to n on the telephone. Mr Moyn said he was mystified. "I s shouting because it was a ry bad line", he said.

Voting for the post takes *ce on November 2 and 4.* the last election for the ,079-a-year post in 1973, Mr cNabb polled 13 votes. The esent professor is Mr John ain.

Candidates this time include: r John Jones, an English tor at Merton College; Mr ter Levi, a fellow of St Cathine's College; and Mr John arrow, former Warden of All uls; and *Professor Donald* avie, professor in humanities Stanford University, Califora.

Correction

report on October 14 of a case Middlesex Crown Court in hich Mr Walter Leslie Button as found not guilty on three harges of obtaining £160,552 by eception from Lamson Paragon td omitted the fact that six harges against Mr Button alleging the theft of £34,215 from itzwilliam Paper Co Ltd., on hich he had been remanded on ail from an *earlier trial*, were ot proceeded with and he was ischarged.

In brief

Court plea on pornography

Mr Raymond Blackburn was given permission in the High Court yesterday to seek orders requiring Sir David McNee, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, to take a firmer stand against pornography.

Mr Blackburn, an export promoter, of Homefield Road, Chiswick, London, complained that there was a policy of prosecuting only after consulting the Director of Public Prosecutions and that that was inhibiting action.

£75,000 for pier hall

Aberconwy Borough Council is to buy the 92-year-old pier pavilion at Llandudno for £75,000 and turn it into a conference centre and multipurpose hall.

Museum for bicycles

A collection of 51 veteran bicycles, the oldest made in 1819, has been bought by Harlow District Council for £30,000 and will go on display in a converted eighteenth-century stable block.

Man found dead

Mr Mark Amos, aged 22, the son of a former police chief superintendent, was found dead at his home in Draycott Road, Wanstead, London, yesterday. Earlier a police officer had interviewed him about an alleged drug offence.

Age Concern to campaign for higher death grant

y Our Social Services orrespondent

A campaign to raise the death rant to a realistic level is to e one of the main priorities r Age Concern over the next ree years. Mr David Hobman, irector of Age Concern ngland, said yesterday that it as time to relieve old people ving in poverty of the anxiety not knowing whether there ould be enough money to pay r their funerals.

"The death grant has stayed t a maximum of £30 since ctober, 1967", he said. "A gnificant number of very old eople cannot even receive that iserly amount because they *were too old to pay into* the national insurance scheme when it started in 1948."

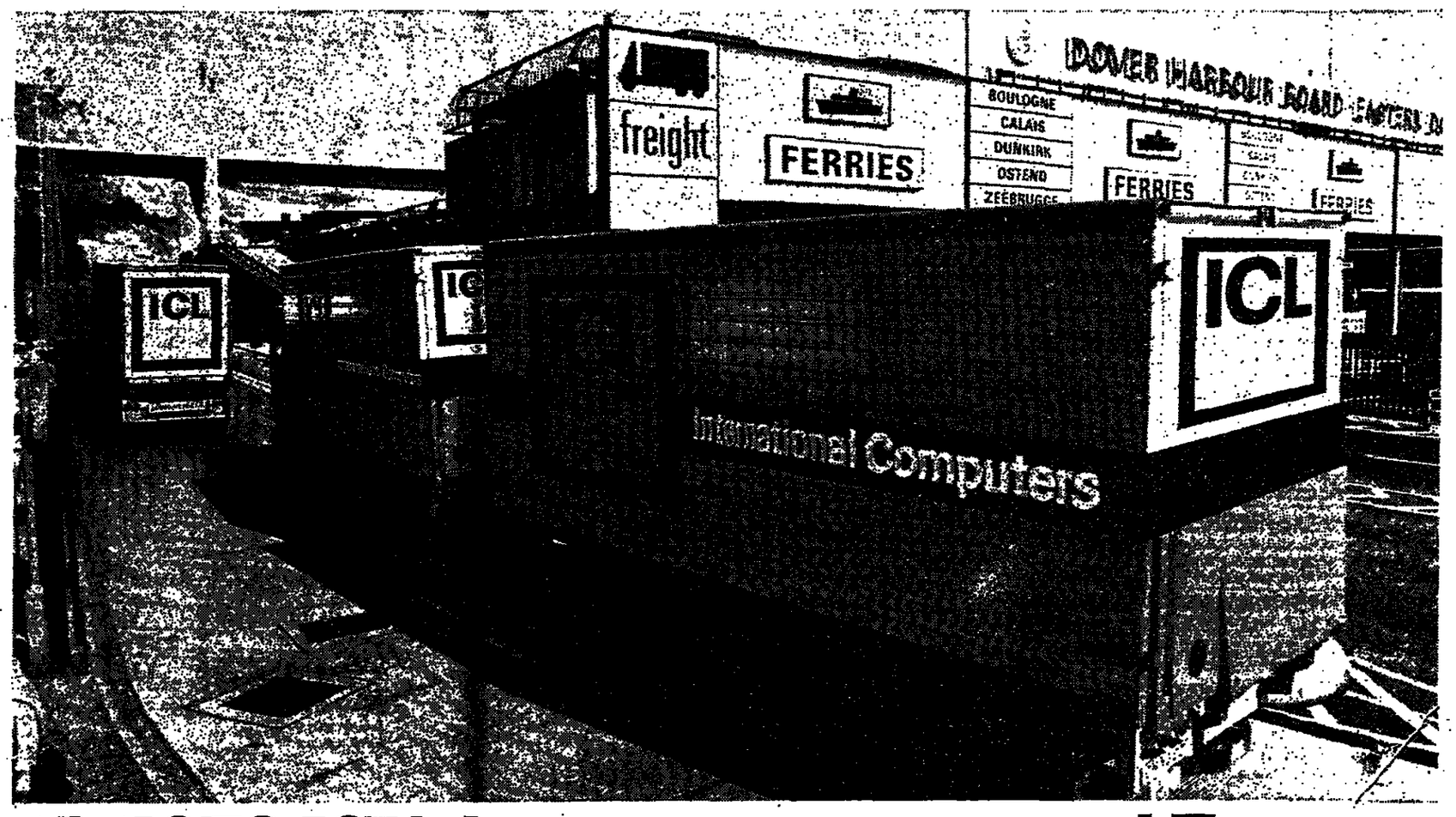
Age Concern wants the grant raised to the same value as it *was when it was introduced in* 1949. That would now be more than £100. The organization intends to lobby church leaders and trade unions for support.

The campaign is one of a number of priorities set out in a new Age Concern policy document published this week.

The organization also wants pensions increased sub*stantially, and for the annual* increase to keep pace with earnings.



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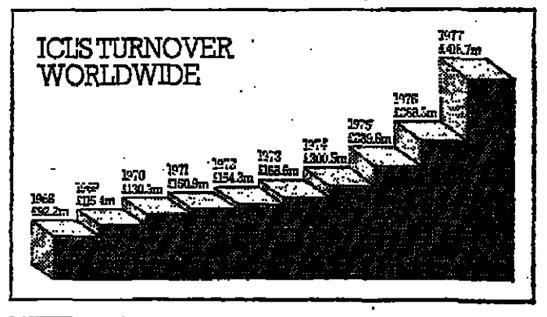


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HOME NEWS

Restrictions on fishing off south-west coast are tightened

Tighter licensing restrictions to coincide with the start of the mackerel fishing season in inshore waters off Devon and Cornwall were announced yesterday by Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. They are expected chiefly to benefit local fishermen with smaller boats.

The restrictions will come into force on November 5, a year after licences for British vessels were first introduced in response to local concern about overfishing of stocks by more advanced fleets displaced from traditional cod and herring fisheries. Such fleets included boats from Scotland and Humberside as well as the Eastern-block countries. Non-British vessels are not permitted to fish for mackerel within 12 miles of the south-west coast

Under new arrangements quotas will be on a weekly instead of daily basis. Vessels more than 55ft long will suffer a reduction in the amount they can land or transfer to other ships by about four tenths. The quota for those under 55ft should remain about the same. Boats under 40ft will be exempted from licences.

A further important provision is the ban on vessels over 60ft from fishing within three miles of the coast at the risk of £50,000 fines and suspension of their licences. Licensing requirements are being extended to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

New monitoring arrangements were also promised by the minister, including the establishment of a mobile unit to check catches. That will be based in the West Country.

Grants for guerrillas supported by churchmen

Church leaders yesterday reaffirmed their qualified support for the World Council of Churches' grants to black nationalist movements in southern Africa.

Strong opposition to the grants came from the Irish clergy, who said that a freedom fighter to one person was a terrorist to another. There was hostile public response recently to the £40,000 grant to the Rhodesian guerrilla movement, the Patriotic Front.

But members at the assembly of the British Council of Churches in London yesterday reaffirmed the need to combat racialism and said the violence was two-sided. They passed a resolution saying that no new issue of principle had been raised and they therefore affirmed the present policy of the council.

Dr Donald Coggan, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said at a press conference later: "I am glad the resolution as a whole was passed. But I must say that the strictures on the World Council of Churches' handling of it have indicated a feeling of uneasiness which needs to be looked at very carefully."

The British council's policy is to assist the world council in considering applications for grants from Britain, and to act on the Programme to Combat Racism in publicity matters.

Club gets damage bill

Headingley Rugby Union club is to be sent the bill for damage to Leeds Civic Hall, where it held its centenary dinner. Councillor Harold Booth, Lord Mayor of Leeds, is recommending a ban on similar functions.



The Queen looking at a painting by Mr Earl Essex on a visit yesterday to the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, London.

Warning b RSPCA after ferret kill baby

Animals such as f should never be left alone young children, the Society for the Prevent Cruelty to Animals yesterday.

The advice was given a baby had been almost death by two pet ferrets had escaped from their ca a flat in Church Road, Norwood, south London officers killed them truncheons.

The RSPCA said "All ferrets, like many other w animals, can be domesti there is always the possi that they will revert to natural instincts. To accidents, young ch should never be left alone animals like this.

"Tragedies like this unfortunately even with more usual household either through invol actions or provocation, b risks are greater—the domesticated the species.

The parents, Mr David gin, aged 24, and his Jacqueline, aged 22, found baby, Pamela, aged six m dead in her pram when arrived home at about mid on Monday. The ferrets loose in the room. The went to Gipsy Hill police s for help. A police officer "We went to the flat bu baby was dead. The f were family pets. They in the same room as the and had gnawed their wa of the wooden cage attacked the baby in her p

The officer added tha couple in addition to the rets kept a guinea pig, a a fish and a snake. Mr B had got rid of the snake weekend.

Law reform demand: Arthur Latham, Labour M the City of Westminster, dington, has called on Merlyn Rees, Home Secre to review all laws relatin the keeping of ani whether they are regarde potentially dangerous sp or not.

"After this tragedy there well be a case for peopl have licences enabling the keep caged ferrets".

Half engineering bursaries available not awarded

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

Only 62 students, half of them from independent schools, have been judged worthy of the new £500 national engineering scholarships although money, given jointly by the Government and by industry, was available for up to a hundred scholarships this year.

The scholarships were restricted this year to students starting on the new elite four-year (five years in Scotland) "enriched" engineering courses at seven universities.

Mr Oscar Hahn, of Guest Keen and Nettlefolds, who is chairman of the action committee of educationists and industrialists set up by the Government to administer the scholarships, said that most of the applicants had excellent academic records but few related academic studies to the needs of industry.

Scholarships were not going to be awarded just because a student had three or four A levels with grade "A" and two S levels. He criticized the schools for failing to prepare pupils adequately for life in the world of work. Every candidate had been asked why he or she thought that Britain performed so badly in the world's industrial markets and yet paid its workers on average only 60 per cent of international wage rates.

£198m crime losses 'tip of the iceberg'

Figures collated by the magazine *Security Gazette* show that cash and valuables valued at £198m were taken in burglaries, robberies and thefts last year, a third more than in 1976 and the biggest increase recorded since the magazine's surveys started 15 years ago.

The police recovered cash and valuables worth £31m, leaving £166.8m as the net loss to the criminals in 1977. The figures do not include losses from fraud, forgery, embezzlement or similar offences.

"Nor do they include the great bulk of shoplifting offences, only a small fraction of which are reported to the police and which are generally surmised to run into hundreds of millions of pounds annually", the magazine adds.

"The *Security Gazette* totals, therefore, represent only the tip of the iceberg where the total losses due to crime are concerned."

The amount stolen in London was £69.5m, of which £7.8m was recovered. Throughout England and Wales £106m was lost and £17.9m recovered. Scotland lost £18.3m, of which £4.3m was recovered, and in Northern Ireland £4m was stolen, of which £1m was recovered.

The loss in London was up by a quarter on 1976 but was a smaller proportion of the total stolen in England and Wales than in previous years.

Provincial police areas with the largest losses were Merseyside, West Midlands, West Yorkshire, Greater Manchester and Northumbria, accounting for more than a third of the amount stolen in England and Wales.

In Scotland, most of the property was stolen in the Strathclyde area, including Glasgow, and Lothian and Borders, including Edinburgh.

Wrong man stabbed in death plot, court told

Two men and a woman plotted to murder the Indian High Commissioner in London to obtain the release of a prisoner in India, it was stated at St Albans Crown Court yesterday.

The prisoner, who had been jailed for serious offences, was described as the founder and leader of a religious and philosophical sect called Ananda Marga.

But the conspirators decided that it would be too difficult to carry out their plan and chose another victim, an Indian diplomat also working in London. Mr John Hazan, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Their second plan also went wrong when one of them stabbed the wrong man in the back.

Niall Kidd, aged 27, and Brian Shaw, aged 23, both of Cazenove Road, Stoke Newington, London, and Susan Waring, aged 24, a hostel supervisor, of Stratford Road, Birmingham, plead not guilty to two charges of conspiracy to murder, two charges of conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm and one charge of conspiracy to wound. Mr Kidd and Susan Waring deny one charge of attempted murder and Mr Kidd and Mr Shaw deny one charge of threatening to murder.

Mr Hazan said the case involved the gaining of one's end by terrorism. The mean's were threats to damage property and assassinate diplomats in order to blackmail the Indian Government into releasing Prabat Sarkar, who was jailed in 1971, and at the time of the plot, last October, was still in prison.

A militant wing was formed and agreed to assassinate Mr Brajkuhma Nehru, the Indian High Commissioner.

Mr Kidd decided that the way to do it was to waylay him with a gun and shoot him, but that idea was abandoned. Mr Tehendra Khanna, a commercial councillor at the embassy, was selected as the victim.

By mistake a Mr Amar Ahluwalia, an assistant of the High Commissioner, was stabbed by Mr Kidd.

"The knife was provided by Waring", Mr Hazan said.

"At the beginning of October, 1977, according to what Kidd later told the police, Stephen Holmes, another member of the Ananda Marga, approached Kidd and asked if he would be prepared to undertake underground action, mentioning terrorist attacks that had taken place in Australia.

"Holmes said the plan was to attack Indian embassies in as many countries as possible."

The case continues today.

Nicol Williamson given 6 months to pay £24,000

Nicol Williamson, the actor, was ordered by a judge yesterday to pay £24,000 to his former wife, Jill Townsend, the actress, within six months. Mrs Margaret Puxon, counsel for Miss Townsend sought Mr Williamson's imprisonment for non-payment of that sum after the couple's divorce in April last year.

But Mr Justice Dunn said in the Family Division of the High Court in London that it was not a case for a committal order at this stage. "If I were satisfied that Mr Williamson had the money, or access to it, I would not hesitate to make the committal order", he said.

Mr Williamson had agreed to pay the money to cover a mortgage. An order was made that he should pay by August, but the money had not been paid. The judge said Mr Williamson must pay £15,000 within 21 days and the £9,000 balance within six months.

Bail application adjourned in Astrid Proll case

Astrid Proll, the suspected Baader Meinhof terrorist, was remanded in custody for a further week yesterday after a bail application on her behalf was adjourned.

The application was begun by Mr David Turner-Samuels, QC, at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London. But after police evidence had been given about Miss Proll's possible links with criminals in Britain, he said he would wait until next week before continuing with it.

Remanding Miss Proll until October 31, Mr Evelyn Russell, the magistrate, said: "I think that there would be a substantial risk that you would not surrender to your bail and I base that on what I have heard from the police officer this morning."

Miss Proll, who is awaiting extradition proceedings, was handcuffed to a policewoman during the hearing. Mr Turner-Samuels, who offered a total of £62,000 in Sureties, said there were many documents in the case, most of which would require translation from German.

"Inevitably this will take a little time and a proper court will have to be found for the full hearing", he said. "It will be a long time before this can be tried."

He said Miss Proll, whom he referred to as Mrs Anna Puttick, came to Britain when her trial in Germany was suspended. She had married in Britain and it was expected that she would shortly be registered as a British citizen.

Inspector James Beck, of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, said the police objected to bail because Miss Proll would be likely to abscond. When arrested she had drugs in her possession and had been associating with people with criminal records.

Ombudsman near his limit

From Our Correspondent
Leeds

Sir Idwal Pugh, Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (the Ombudsman), said in Leeds yesterday that the four thousand complaints expected this year were enough for one man to handle.

He added: "Once the volume gets to something like five thousand I think something else will have to be worked out. At the moment I read through all the complaints dealt with, but once we get any more I shall not be able to take a personal interest."

Sir Idwal added that it would be self-defeating to increase greatly the size of the Ombudsman's department. By the end of this year he expects to have dealt with four thousand complaints, a thousand of them about the health service.

Windsor streets

Windsor Castle is to spend £12,000 on restoring four cobbled streets, near Windsor Castle, in which stones have worked loose, partly because of the number of visitors to the area.

Call for oil spill public inquiry

A public inquiry is sought into the accidental ing of up to 100 tons of oil the Shell offshore termin Amlwch, Anglesey, 15 days Yesterday workmen were clearing traces of oil beaches in the Conwy e

The request for a inquiry has been sent t John Morris, QC, Secreta State for Wales, on behal the Anglesey Defence A Group and the island branc the Council for the Prote of Rural Wales, which merging. Lord Anglesey, P dent of the defence group chairman of the council, sa inquiry conducted by would not reassure the pu

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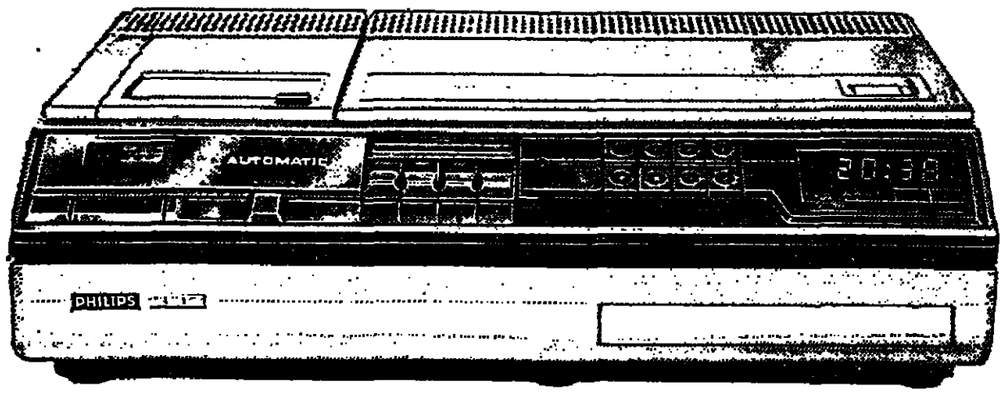
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Supplier of drug to Harrow pupil jailed

From Our Correspondent
Reading

Isaac Seray-Wurie, aged 30, a law student of Portland Road, Oxford, who denied smuggling £23,000 of herbal cannabis through Heathrow airport, London, cultivating the drug and possessing it, was jailed at Reading Crown Court yesterday for four years.

Another charge involved supplying cannabis to David Smith-Ryland a Harrow School boy.

Mr Seray-Wurie, who defended himself, said it was a case of mistaken identity. But the jury found him guilty on all four charges.

Mr Seray-Wurie, who has a wife in Sierra Leone, said he was studying to become a barrister. "I was under great pressure of work at the time and having medical treatment, but I am a man of good character", he said.

"I have been presented to the Queen and Prince Philip when they visited Oxford and I am a Queen's scout and held the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. I have also had tea with Princess Margaret and my picture was included on the college calendar".

Judge Christopher Lea said he accepted that the defendant was a man of good character and considerable achievement.

Man challenge his detention

Mr Roy Powell, a f Broadmoor patient, was leave in the High Court y day to challenge his cont detention in a Liverpool m hospital.

Mr Powell contends that no longer ill and that detention is no longer nece for the protection of the p His hospital stay was or at Birmingham Assizes in when he was convicte offences involving violence

Tribunals 'being weighed down by law books'

Industrial tribunals are being weighed down by a growing mountain of case law on the question of time-limits for bringing unfair dismissal claims, Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, said yesterday.

"If we are not careful we shall find the tribunals bent down under the weight of the law books or, what is worse, asleep under them", he added. He called for more selection in deciding which cases should go into the law books. "Let principles be reported, but not particular instances."

Lord Denning upheld a tribunal's decision that Mr Amanullah Khan, aged 35, a labourer, could proceed with a claim for unfair dismissal compensation, although it was outside the three-month time limit.

Mr Khan, of Holland Street, Miles Platting, Greater Manchester, was dismissed by Wall's Meat Company after he had been in a fight with a workmate at the company's factory at Godley, Hyde, Greater Manchester. Lord Denning and Lords Justices Shaw and Brandon dismissed the employers' appeal against a ruling of the Employment Appeal Tribunal affirming the tribunal's decision.

Lord Denning said that, after Mr Khan's dismissal, he went to an insurance tribunal over a claim for unemployment benefit, but did not realize he had to claim separately for unfair dismissal. It had not been "reasonably practicable" for him to put in his claim within three months.

Open verdicts on two

Open verdicts were recorded in Manchester yesterday on Mr Charles Richards, aged 50, and Mrs Doris Howard, aged 49, who died after running from a flat with their clothes burning on August 2. They had been heard arguing earlier.

New power station's impact discussed

From Ronald Kershaw
Leeds

An application for a government grant to build railway sidings for the new £700m extension to Drax power station, North Yorkshire, made last June, has not yet produced a formal reply, the Central Electricity Generating Board said at Selby York yesterday.

Mr Stanley F. Newey, project manager for the completion of the second stage of the power station, said amid laughter that he understood that the government official dealing with the application had been promoted.

That was one of the lighter moments at a gathering of generating board officials, local government representatives and other interested parties who had been invited by the generating board to discuss the impact that will be made on the area by the construction of one of the last coal-fired power stations to be built in Britain.

Mr Edmund Marshall, Labour MP for Goole, who raised the question of a grant for the sidings, promised to pursue the matter immediately with the appropriate minister, who, he said, heightening the amusement at the government department's shortcomings, was not likely to be moved within the next 24 hours.

The new station will adjoin the first-stage power station at Drax. It lies in the Vale of York, midway between Selby and Goole. It will consume nine million tons of coal a year and at the peak of construction in 1983 will employ 1,700 to 1,800 men. When it is fully operational it will provide work for about 500 people.

Mr Brian Powell, director of station design at the board's generation development and construction division, said that building a power station like Drax was similar to the difficulties of building a new town.

The generating board will make every effort to mini whatever impact there was local communities.

Most local authority r sentatives were concerned noise during the construc the increased heavy traffic would be serving the site environmental health dif ties caused by possible air lution. Most fears were al ted by the assurances o generating board officials working parties would be lished to look into such ma

Mr Newey said that t two or three weeks the ge ring board would be maki announcement about con for the station and the i lation of equipment. Me were planned between co tors and trade unions to reach a formula for avo undue construction delays result of disputes. It is h that the station will be fin in 1986.

Power cable health fears discounted

From Our Correspondent
Gloucester

Protesters went to a public inquiry yesterday to maintain that high-power overhead electricity cables are a serious health hazard. Even before they put their case, their fears were dismissed as unfounded by the Central Electricity Generating Board.

The board is applying at a test-case inquiry in Gloucester to divert a one-mile stretch of 400 kilovolt cable at Innsworth, near Gloucester. It wants to move the power lines closer to houses in the village, so that the new Gloucester northern by-pass can be built.

The inquiry was told that one of the principal objections by Innsworth parish council and other local people is an alleged health hazard from the powerful current. Witnesses are expected to say that the cables can cause mental depression and physical trouble, including sterility.

Opening the board's case, Mr Christopher Whybrow said the board was fully acquainted with worldwide research into prolonged exposure to high voltage cables, and had maintained close contact with independent bodies doing new research. "We have found no reliable evidence capable of substantiating these fears", he said.

Besides moving the line of pylons, the board wants to increase the voltage capacity in case extra power is needed in future. It faces objections from the parish council, local landowners, independent residents and Gloucester City Council.

An important witness for the objectors will be Mrs Hilary Bacon, of Gipsies End, Fishpond, near Charmouth, Dorset, who has been conducting her own survey into the effects of high power cables. She yesterday: "In my people suffer from depre a curious muzziness, very eyes, a feeling of ex exhaustion, and sleeplessn

"We are not yet sure if symptoms are the result high power cables which our village, but we believe are. People from all ove country who live near cables have told me they the same symptoms."

The pylons are part of work carrying excess elec from South Wales to the the country. The inqui being conducted by two i tors, Mr John Lindsay, Department of Energy, a Harry Kettle, of the D ment of the Environment is expected to continue next week.

The inspectors will rep Mr Wedgwood Benn, Sec of State for Energy, for a decision.

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HOME NEWS

'Observer' is sued by Vanessa Redgrave over 'slanted' article

Vanessa Redgrave, the actress and a fervent Marxist, and her fellow leaders of the Workers Revolutionary Party are not the "violent, unlawful lot" they were made out to be in a newspaper report, a High Court libel jury was told yesterday.

The report, in *The Observer* three years ago, was "grossly slanted and designed to throw the worst and most ridiculous light" on Miss Redgrave and her colleagues, Mr John Wilmers, QC, alleged. It was headlined "Vanessa and the Red House Mystery".

It suggested that Irene Gorst, an actress, had been detained against her will at the party's school in the Derbyshire Peak District and subjected to a hostile seven-hour interrogation about threats she had received from people who wanted to stop her going to the school.

"It seems there is a blacklist in the theatre world and actors known to be members of this party are liable to go on it", Mr Wilmers said.

The newspaper report about what went on at the school was libellous, he alleged. In fact, Miss Gorst had been free to leave the school at any time while she was being questioned about her account of how she had been abducted by a theatre impresario, her former lover, in an attempt to stop her attending the school.

The Observer article clearly suggested that Miss Redgrave and her colleagues, including her brother, Corin, who was Miss Gorst's lover at the time, were "a violent, unlawful lot who even keep arms hidden about their grounds, which would be a serious criminal offence."

The newspaper and Mr David Astor, its editor at the time, are being sued for libel damages by Vanessa and Corin Redgrave and four other WRP leaders.

The four are Mr Gerry Healey, former general secretary of the WRP; Mr Roy Battersby, film and television director; Mr Roger Smith, film and television writer; and Mr Michael Harrigan, an actor. All except Mr Harrigan are members of the WRP's central and political committees.

The Observer is contesting the damages claim. The hearing is expected to last two weeks.

Mr Wilmers said people at the WRP school, The White Meadows, Parwich, near Derby, were on their guard against the outside world. Such organizations sometimes attracted hatred. The six were worried about the possibility of drugs being planted at the school and of being considered "a community of druggies".

After *The Observer* article, a police raid yielded "a few .22 bullets," of which they denied knowledge. "The one thing they did not want to do was get into trouble", counsel said.

Mr Wilmers said that Miss Gorst had told how she was subjected to criticism and pressure from family and friends to sever her connexions with the party. She arrived at the school three days after it had opened in August, 1975, and told her colleagues that she had been threatened. She feared that the Redgraves and the school might be in danger.

Miss Gorst told Corin Redgrave that she had been abducted by a Mr Gale, a theatre impresario, in an attempt to stop her going to the school, Mr Wilmers alleged. She had previously had an affair with Mr Gale.

The party questioned Miss Gorst about her experiences and the threats made by Mr Gale, who, she said, had threatened to tell the Special Branch about the school.

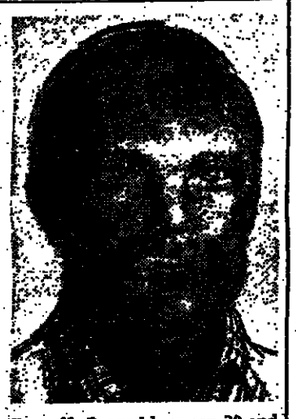
In *The Observer* article, her experiences at the school were presented as "a prolonged interview and search of a very hostile nature". But she could have left at any time, and did so a few days after arriving, making no complaints.

First of the six plaintiffs to give evidence yesterday was Corin Redgrave, of Cherrytree Square, Tooting, London. He said he bought The White Meadows for the party in 1975. Apart from the press, no one had ever called it "The Red House". It was to be used as a school, giving courses in history, philosophy and economics.

It was not a "school of revolutionary indoctrination", as had been suggested by *The Observer*. About fifty people had attended the first course, most of them from the entertainment trade unions.

The hearing was adjourned until today.





Tube killing: Artist's impressions, issued by Scotland Yard yesterday, of two men sought by police officers investigating the killing of a Securicor guard outside Northfields Underground station on October 12. One man is described as "scruffy", aged between 30 and 35, 5ft 8in tall, with a slim wiry build, ginger to sandy-coloured hair and thick lips. The other is aged between 35 and 40, about 5ft 2in to 5ft 4in, stockily built, with a boxer's nose, short tidy hair and cleanshaven.

Helicopter struck warship during Princess's visit

Princess Alexandra was among 800 guests on board a warship on its last day at sea with the Royal Navy when an air display went wrong, a court martial at Devonport was told yesterday.

During a "fly past" on Families Day a helicopter strayed too close to the ship. Its rotor blade struck the side of HMS Devonshire and the helicopter plunged into the sea, the ship's commanding officer, Captain Colin Buchanan, told the court.

Lieutenant Ian Scott McKenzie, aged 27, pleaded not guilty to negligently flying the helicopter so close that it was likely to cause loss of life or injury on board the ship, and negligently causing the helicopter's loss by flying too close.

According to the circumstantial letter read to the court, Lieutenant McKenzie, now at RNAS Culdrose, Cornwall, was serving as second pilot in the ship's flight.

During a planned 15-minute air display the controls were handed to Lieutenant McKenzie.

With the royal guest a spectator on the upper deck, he approached for a final pass. The main rotor blade struck a davit and fragments were scattered along the deck, the letter said.

Captain Buchanan said Lieutenant McKenzie's pass was "certainly closer than anything I have ever seen before".

He praised Lieutenant McKenzie's record, saying he had won awards during training. "I thought he was a good pilot".

The case continues today.

AA calls for abolition of toll charges

A call for the abolition of toll charges on road bridges and tunnels is made today by the Automobile Association in its magazine, *Drive*. It says the toll system borders on the farcical.

Charges were introduced to pay off debts incurred when the bridges and tunnels were built. But the AA says that in nearly every case increasing interest on the original loan means that they will probably never be paid off.

It estimates that when the Humber road bridge is opened toll debts will exceed £200m.

The association says it is illogical that the M4 should be free of charge except for the Severn Bridge. The bridge was part of the motorway and the road network generally.

The AA says that most main toll crossings are losing money and that high tolls are forcing traffic back on roads the crossings were designed to relieve.

1979 art exhibition

"Post Impressionism and Europe", an exhibition of about 400 paintings, will open at the Royal Academy on November 17 next year

Drug smuggler carried 'top security' papers

A judge yesterday asked for an inquiry into how United States Army documents came to be used in a drug smuggling plot. They had been used by Charles Stone, an American, who dressed as an army major with "top security" clearance to smuggle cannabis valued at £140,000 into Britain.

Jailing Mr Stone for six years at Reading Crown Court, Judge Pigot, QC, asked if enquiries were being made by the Americans.

Mr Jeremy Gompertz, for the prosecution, said Mr Stone, who pleaded guilty to two charges of smuggling cannabis through Heathrow, had been stopped on the second trip in May. He was wearing a major's uniform and carried "impressive-looking documents showing that he worked for military intelligence and had top security clearance with Nato". The documents were basically genuine although Mr Stone had filled in some details himself and had special stamp dies made in India to use on them.

Mr Stone, from Michigan, gave offices an address in Fawcett Street, West Brompton, London.

WEST EUROPE

French TV technicians join postmen and seamen in protest strikes over manning

From Ian Murray
Paris, Oct 24

French television viewers were having to make do this evening with a diet of American films, news and jazz as technicians responded to a union strike call. More entertainment scrambled together from the archives is in store as the strike affecting all three channels, is due to last until Thursday.

The dispute arises from an abrasive report on French broadcasting which is due to be debated by the National Assembly. M Joel le Tac, the author of the report, has described the programmes as "mediocre", the cost as "absurd" and he has called into question the whole concept of French broadcasting following the much vaunted "reforms" which heralded the breakup of the old ORTF in 1974.

M le Tac is an old *Paris Match* journalist who has been an outspoken Gaullist member of the Assembly for many years. He has spared no punches in his report.

Opinion polls show that television audiences have dropped by 12.5 per cent in the past year, while the staffs have grown from 14,700 in 1974 to 15,400 today. A 1974 profit of 38m francs (about £4.5m) had become by last year a 65m franc loss.

Management costs had risen from 72m francs to 132m francs over the period, while the Société Française de Production (SFP), supposed to provide prestige shows for the channels, was showing a loss of 125m francs over three years.

The SFP part of the report is at the centre of today's stoppage by the unions. M le Tac recommends large-scale redundancies if the company is to survive, and the unions have responded with a protest strike. Although the SFP will not be dismantled, it is clear that some drastic measures will be put forward to cut the costs.

Undermanning rather than redundancies is the complaint of the postmen, who today began another series of "rolling" strikes round the country in an attempt to force the Government to agree to the creation of half a million more jobs. A total postal strike has been called for tomorrow, and action at different sorting offices is expected to continue afterwards.

France's 28,000 seamen today seemed still to be respecting the unlimited strike call by their unions and only foreign ships able to manoeuvre by themselves were reported to be able to leave any French port. The unions have agreed to allow car ferries carrying essential supplies through to Corsica, but lorry drivers on the island, protesting that the strike is destroying their livelihood, are blocking the docks.

The strike has been called in protest at the decision of one shipping company to hire Asian seamen at half the wages of a French seaman.

Vienna panic at Kreisky hint of quitting

From Sue Masterman
Vienna, Oct 24

A strong hint of possible resignation has been dropped by Dr Bruno Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor and has promptly resulted in panic in the ranks of his own Socialist Party.

Dr Kreisky's hint that he might quit if the November 5 referendum on bringing a nuclear power station into use proves negative, was made after a Cabinet meeting.

Public opinion polls show that although resistance to nuclear power is growing, most people will vote in favour of putting the new Zwentendorf atomic power station into action.

A defeat in the referendum would be a defeat for the Government's energy policy, Dr Kreisky said. The media and the state-controlled energy boards have, in the meantime, put the case strongly for the use of atomic energy.

The arguments range from the threat of an energy crisis in the mid-eighties, to a drastic rise in the price of electricity should the Zwentendorf power station have to be converted or written-off.

The opposition claims that although the power station is ready to run, there is no contingency plan for a possible future disaster. Nor has a solution been found for the problem of atomic waste. No single local authority is willing to accept this waste, although offers of substantial industrial and investment incentives have been used as bait.

Austria's neighbours, especially the East Europeans, have already built and brought into use atomic power stations close to Austria's borders.

The main unanswered question in the whole campaign is whether Austria really needs atomic energy.

Some experts claim that Austria would get by perfectly well with more efficient use of its natural resources, including unexploited oil and hydro-electricity reserves and by further exploitation of solar energy. Others argue that the price of energy from these sources would cause disastrous inflation and unemployment.

It has become clear that Dr Kreisky regards the country's approval of his energy policy as a personal vote of confidence. With an eye on the general election next year, the Chancellor's two most heavily-tipped successors have hastened to discourage him.

Dr Leopold Graz, the mayor of Vienna, who lost heavily in the city elections last month said the Chancellor's resignation would be "unnecessary". Dr Hannes Androsch, the Vice-Chancellor and Finance Minister, who was recently involved in a commercial scandal, said it was "unthinkable".

Increase in Europe VAT resisted

From David Wood
Luxembourg, Oct 24

Herr Manfred Lahnstein, the West German president in office of the Council of Ministers, today resisted pressure from both the European Parliament and the European Commission for a 1 per cent increase in value added tax to meet the gap which is predicted to occur by 1980 between the Community's revenues and expenditure.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the Commissioner in charge of the Community budget, and leading parliamentarians will argue during the 1979 budget debate here this week that it is time enough to increase revenues by stepping up the VAT call on national governments and that only in that way could the budgetary conflict between the Council of Ministers on one side and the Commission and Parliament on the other be averted.

In a statement to the press, Herr Lahnstein, who is defending cuts by the Council of Ministers in the Commission's budget, accepted that the Community would run out of *revenue if expenditure* continued to mount. "That does not mean we should draw the conclusion that we should therefore add another 1 per cent to the Community's claim on national VAT revenues", he said.

An increase of 1 per cent would mean a charge per head of DM100 (£25.8) a year, or DM400 (£103.2) for the average family. The scope for increased spending would not be a substitute for national spending. For that reason the Council of Ministers urged caution in demanding increases in the Community budget. The decision had to lie with the Council under the treaty, and the equilibrium of Community forces could not be changed.

Replying to parliamentary complaints that the common agricultural policy absorbed 70 per cent of the budget at the expense of other urgent Community developments, Herr Lahnstein said the Council of Ministers accepted that the budgetary balance should be corrected. The Commission had been asked to bring forward proposals for the Council meeting on December 4-5.

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Parking meters protest leads to £833 fine

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Oct 24

A citizen of Geneva who contested the legitimacy of parking meters has been fined 2,500 Swiss francs (£833) and the stock of plastic tokens he has used in meters instead of coins was confiscated.

Mr Norcisse Praz, former editor of the satirical publication, *La Pilule*, said that he used the tokens as a means of "denouncing publicly the excessive number of parking meters and securing a juridical regulation of the problem".

He contended—as others have occasionally done—that parking meters lacked legal justification. He was also accused of using impolite language in addressing a traffic warden.

An official told the court that Geneva had 4,500 parking meters.

Opposition suspect bias in German TV services

From Patricia Clough
Ludwigshafen, Oct 24

The opposition Christian Democratic Union is studying a proposal for private television and radio stations in West Germany to counterbalance what it considers the anti-CDU bias of the publicly controlled networks.

Dr Heiner Geissler, the CDU general secretary, in a speech at the CDU congress here, has spoken of party "concern" that the networks are biased in favour of the Government.

The party would discuss "how best to control the power of the media in a manner compatible with freedom", he said.

He suggested that free competition would be the best method. New electronic devices —apparently he meant cable television, video-recorders, television newspapers and push-button information services— would "under certain conditions, be not a threat but a new chance".

At present West German radio and television is in the hands of public corporations based mainly in the various *Länder*, and largely free from outside political interference. Any bias—and the networks would argue that the Government inevitably commands the public's attention more than the opposition—would be the fault of the journalists.

The CDU has been upset by the controversial findings of a poll claiming that 70 per cent of radio and television journalists support the Social Democrat-Free Democrat coalition.

Being in opposition, the party is unlikely to get far with the broadcasting proposal on a national level. But members believe the law would allow them to start a private network in at least one of the *Länder* which they control and thence broadcast across the rest of the country.

Prison guard shot

Verona, Italy, Oct 24.—Left-wing extremists fired two shots at a prison guard near his home today and wounded him in the legs, police said.

Creation of Basque police considered

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Oct 24

Proposals for the creation of a native Basque police force to take over the keeping of the peace in the Basque country are expected to be discussed here at a meeting between Señor Rodolfo Martin Villa, the Minister of the Interior, and Señor Txiki Benegas, Councillor for the Interior in the Basque General Council, the regional administration.

Señor Benegas, who is a Socialist, is expected to bring up a pacification plan drawn up by his party as well as the recommendations of the Basque General Council.

The Minister of the Interior conferred last night with Señor Adolfo Suárez, the Prime Minister, about the situation in the troubled north. Earlier yesterday he had discussed it with Lieutenant-General Manuel Gutiérrez Mellado, the Deputy Prime Minister.

The Basque General Council spent most of an eight-hour meeting in Bilbao yesterday in discussing law and order in the Basque provinces. It specifically condemned the terrorist movement ETA, which in a communiqué, issued clandestinely yesterday acknowledged responsibility for killing two Civil Guard men and wounding two on Sunday in Bilbao.

The General Council expressed satisfaction with a call by the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) for a demonstration on Saturday in Bilbao against terrorism. But the council decided not to take part in it.

Señor Carlos Garaicoechea, the president of the PNV, told a rally of 10,000 party militants last night in Bilbao, "Euskadi (the Basque country) is beginning to smell like Ulster".

He justified his party's decision to convoke the demonstration—which had been sharply criticized by ETA and the hard-line nationalists—by saying that in a country where the majority was opposed to the death penalty, there was good reason to make a public show of opposition to political violence.

One of the two policemen wounded on Sunday fell into a coma and doctors doubted his chances of recovery yesterday. Even if he recovers his personality will be affected as he suffered a head wound involving loss of brain tissue.

In Madrid, a debate in the Congress of Deputies on public order, originally scheduled for tomorrow, was postponed in order not to delay the work of the joint parliamentary committee which is combining the Congress and Senate versions of the proposed constitution into a single draft.

Bonn defence of EEC farm policy put to Australians

Canberra, Oct 24.—President Walter Scheel of West Germany and the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser, today clashed publicly over the European Community's common agricultural policy at a Parliamentary luncheon.

The President is on a five day visit to Australia.

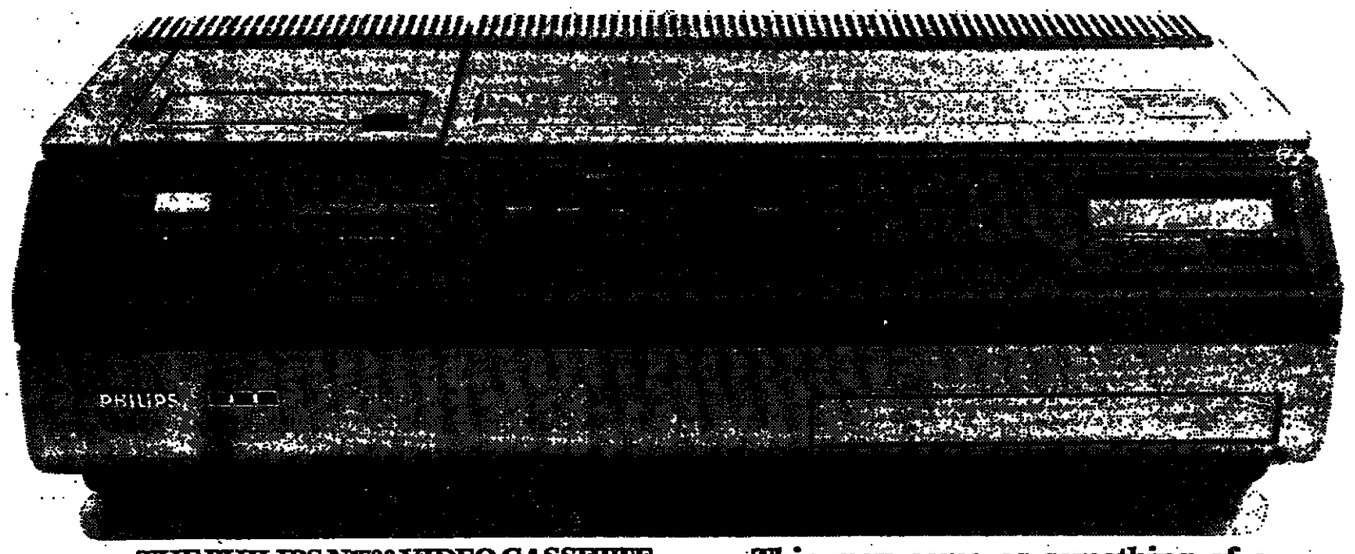
At a luncheon, Mr Fraser told President Scheel that the Australian Government believed the policy was unreasonably excluding many producers from the European market. He said he believed this threatened the further development of world trade.

President Scheel strongly defended the agricultural policy. He said a continent as densely populated as Europe could not afford to have to rely on others for the security of its food supplies. This was something which famines during two world wars had taught the German people.

Herr Scheel said that the European Community had submitted, within the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, a very favourable offer for a reduction of tariffs and proposals for framework agreements in international agricultural trade. —Agence France-Presse.

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WEST EUROPE

Clashes over press freedom and Israel likely to dominate Unesco meeting in Paris

From Ian Murray
Paris, Oct 24

The twentieth session of the Unesco General Conference got under way here today to the music of Beethoven's ninth *symphony with the Bulgarian* national choir singing Schiller's words: "All mankind will be brothers." But the 70 motions on the order paper for discussion between now and the closing session on November 28 threaten to test these sentiments to the utmost.

As happened in Nairobi, when the conference last met two years ago, the questions of press freedom and Israel are certain to dominate discussions.

A Unesco study on the freedom of information has been prepared for this conference after the failure of the delegations to reach any conclusion in *Nairobi despite much heated* argument. Seeking to stay as uncontentious as possible the report makes no mention of the responsibility of the state in ensuring freedom of information and makes no recommendations about legislative measures.

Nevertheless its proposals have already been found wanting by several of the 144 delegations, particularly from Western Europe, who consider it is still a long way short of establishing a basis for true press freedom. The International Press Institute and the Inter-American Press Society have both come out against it saying that it "represents a menace to the access of journalists to news throughout the world". *The Economist* has strongly condemned it; French, West German, Swiss and Austrian newspapers have been carrying leading articles against it.

The press isue is not due to come up for debate before November 16. Before then much wheeling and dealing is certain to be going on in the *corridors to produce some* form of compromise.

The two prime isues to be debated concerning Israel involve cultural life in the different occupied Arab territories and the archaeological digs being undertaken by Israel in Jerusalem against the warnings of Unesco itself. The Arab states are certain to try to have Israel condemned again on these points alone.

During today's opening session Mr Tzilita Toweet, the Kenyan Minister of Education and retiring chairman, asked the delegates to respect the spirit of compromise which had distinguished the Nairobi conference. He emphasized the importance of the discussions to come on the proopsed declaration on race, on Unesco's contribution to a new international economic order and to peace, the promotion of human rights and the possibilit yof Unesco's shaping a public opinion conducive to disarmament.

Mr Leonard Martin, the British chairman of the executive board, said: "It would be foolish to deny that we have very difficult problems to face.

He asked for the spirit of understanding that had been marked in Nairobi to come forward again and asked for the whole conference to be accurately reported.

Poor grape harvest may avert wine lake

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Oct 24

Another poor wine harvest, the second in succession, is expected this year in the EEC, and the Community should thus be spared the politically embarrassing and financially onerous task of having to dispose of a surplus "wine lake".

In making this forecast, however, the European Commission gives a warning that the long term trend is still one in which table-wine production is increasing by about 1 per cent a year, while consumption is stationary or declining. In addition, export outlets are shrinking.

The present situation, the Commission says, does not make it any less necessary for EEC member states to press ahead with reform of wine production along the lines proposed earlier this year by Brussels.

The Commission's scheme aims mainly at reducing the quantity while improving the quality of the output of Mediterranean vineyards, and would cost about £570m over seven years. About £230m of this would be charged to the EEC budget.

The wine harvest this year is expected to produce about 2,990 million gallons, which is about 3 per cent less than normal consumption (including that portion of wine output which goes for processing rather than direct human consumption).

The overall acreage under wines is shrinking, and greater emphasis is being put on growing wines of higher quality. The Commission believes that the ban on new plantings, agreed two years ago, and the incentives paid to encourage farmers to switch to other crops, have helped this process.

Last year total vineyard area dropped by 16,000 hectares to about 2,555,000 hectares, and this year a further shrinkage of 20,000 hectares is expected. This will be achieved by an increase of 6,000 hectares in high quality vineyards and a reduction of 26,000 hectares in those growing table wines.

The Commission is also anxious to increase consumption of wine in countries like Britain. Although the amount of wine drunk in Britain has doubled since 1970 (from 37 million gallons to 76 million), this is still only 7 per cent of French and Italian, and 25 per cent of West German, consumption.

Britain is facing prosecution *before the European Court of* Justice for imposing what are alleged to be discriminatorily high excise duties on wine. In Britain more than 70 per cent of the retail price of a litre bottle of wine is tax.

Political lip service to culture criticized

From Our Own Correspondent
Athens, Oct 24

The Ministers responsible for cultural affairs in 22 European countries met in Athens today under the auspices of the Council of Europe to discuss waysof inducing their governments to pay due attention to cultural development as well as to the cultural dimension of all development.

The conference, due to last five days was opened by President Constantine Tsatsos, of Greece, who urged the ministers to concentrate more on the similarities of the European cultures than on their differences.

The basic discussion paper session deplored political leaders for paying lip service to the importance of a cultural policy, but failing to provide the means that would make such policy possible or *effective.* "When budgets are being decided", the document said, "the ministers responsible for cultural affairs all too often haveto contend with the active. have to contend with the attitude that culture is a luxury."

One of the most crucial questions will be whether a state can or should encourage the emergence of free speech and critical thinking, knowing that the latter may be turned against the established order and itself.

Britain is represented at the meeting by Lord Donaldson, Minister of State for the Arts,

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PUBLICITÉ GÉRARD

Industrialist pays £1m for leading vineyard

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Oct 24

Baron Marcel Bich, of ball-*point fame, has bought the vine*yard of Château de Ferrand, one of the leading vintages of Saint-Emilion, for 10m francs (£1,176,000) it was learnt today.

The vineyard has an area of 29 hectares (71 acres) and produces between 150 and 200 barrels of excellent, much sought-after wine each year. It is located in the village of Saint-Hippolyte, and the property includes a fine eighteenth century château on a hill.

The vineyard is first mentioned in the archives of Saint-Emilion in the thirteenth century. For centuries it belonged to the Marquis de Mons de Dune, whose descendants have sold it to Baron Bich.

Carpet fetches a record £170,000

Geneva, Oct 24.—An unnamed private American collector has bought what is believed to be the most expensive carpet ever sold at auction.

The seventeenth-century Tabriz silk carpet was sold here for 520,000 Swiss francs (about £170,000) by a French collector who was also unidentified.—AP.

Corsica bomb blasts

Ajaccio, Corsica, Oct 24.—Three bomb explosions seriously damaged two villas, one owned by a Belgian industrialist and one by a Frenchman, and a transformer near Ajaccio last night, police said today. The villas were unoccupied at the time.

OVERSEAS

Presidents of Syria and Iraq discuss Baghdad offer to send troops to Golan Heights

From robert Fisk
Beirut, Oct 24

Iraq's offer to send troops to the Golan Heights to help defend Syria from Israeli attack is thought to have been the central theme of discussion between the leaders of the two Arab nations when they met in Baghdad today for the first time in fiv years.

President Hafiz al-Assad of Syria had been given a state welcome at Baghdad airport and was embraced by President Ahmed al-Bakr of Iraq morning. The two leaders, who stood together on the tarmac as an Iraqi Army band played their respective national anthems, are expected to agree on some form of military alliance in the event of Israeli attack.

Iraq offered to send units of its Army to take up positions along the Syrian front line on Golan soon after the conclusion of last month's Steadfastness and Confrontation Front summit in Damascus. Iraq had refused to attend this conference because of its ideological dispute with Syria but the Syrian Government is to attend next month's summit in Baghdad, which is intended to unify opposition to the Camp David agreement.

For some days now, there hive been reports that up to a division of Iraqi troops hive been waiting opposite the Syrian frontier for permission to join tee Syrian Army 20 miles south of Damascus. But even if the reports turn out to be true, it is hardly likely that President Assad would allow more than a token force into his country unless he felt the Israelis were planning some imminent military operation.

But Mr Assad is anxious to shore up his country's defences, especially since 30,000 of his soldiers are engaged on peacekeeping duties in Lebanon. The Baghdad newspaper *Al Thawra* said this morning that the two leaders would discuss "all matters relating to the creation of a Syrian-Iraqi battlefront."

A somewhat different message has come meanwhile from the Egyptian press which, until now, has remained comparatively silent on the affairs of President Sadat's Ara!!!!opponents.

In Cairo the daily newspaper *Al Akhbar* has carried an article signed by its editor, Mr Moussa Sabri, welcoming, in a somewhat cynical way, the apparent rapprochement in Baghdad. If the two countries would finally put an end to "repression, assassinations, death sentences, bloody terrorism torture and imprisonment without trial", Mr Sabri wrote, then Syrains and Iraqis alike could recover their national dignity.

"If the Palestinian people are to have the power of self-determination", he went on, "then the people of Syria and Iraq must first have rights in their won countries."

Mr Assad will certainly be as concerned as ever at the continuing ceasefire violations in Beirut. There was shooting this morning between Christian militiamen and Syrian troops in the Dekwani suburb of the city and the Christian radio—*whose factual* accuracy leaves much to be desired—later announced that seven Syrian soldiers had been killed there.

The station also claimed that Syrian shells had exploded in the mountain village of Bikfaya, the home town of the Phalangist leader, Mr Pierre Gemayel. It said three Christians had been killed there.

Egypt insists treaty aids Palestinians

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expression of support for the Palestinian cause, and as such are harmful to the peace process.

United States officials have been irritated by the Israeli reaction to Mr Saunders's efforts. They say he has not *departed from the well-known* and long-standing positions which the United States has adopted on the West Bank issues.

Cairo: President Sadat today reiterated his commitment to self determination for Palestinians in the Gaza strip and the West Bank—the present sticking point on an Egyptian-Israeli draft peace treaty.

Egypt is insisting on changes in the final draft, accepted by the Egyptian and Israeli delegations in Washington over the weekend. It wants to make the future of the Palestinians clearly linked to a comprehensive Middle East settlement. However, Mr Mustapha Khalil, the Prime Minister, and other Egyptian officials have insisted that Cairo is not rejecting the draft.

In a speech read on his behalf today, President Assad said: "Our objective is the ending of the Israeli occupation *on the West Bank and Gaza to* open the way for the Palestinian people to determine their own future".

"This is a firm reply to those who ignore the honest way of *achieving the aspirations of the* Arab people", he added in a clear attack on his Arab critics.

The semi-official newspaper *Al Ahram* said today that Mr Sadat had asked the Egyptian *delegation in Washington to in*troduce "certain amendments" to the proposed treaty. These would emphasize the close linkage between the proposed Egyptian-Israeli treaty and a comprehensive Middle East settlement.—Reuter.

Pope's visit to Sinai: The Pope has accepted an invitation from President Sadat to pray with Jewish and Muslim leaders on Mount Sinai when peace is established, the newspaper *Al Ahram* reported in Cairo today.

In Rome the Vatican spokesman said there were no plans for such a visit so far.—Agence France-Presse and UPI.

Moscow attack on 'The Victims of Yalta'

Western press accused of 'uproar' over postwar Soviet repatriation

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Oct 24

The agreements worked out by Anthony Eden and the allied governments on the repatriation of Soviet prisoners of war and civilians were "*among the most humane acts* ever worked out by the parties to the anti-Hitler coalition", a Soviet political journal maintains in its latest issue. Any difficulties were caused only by small groups of anti-Soviet fascists who, supported by Britain and America, spread slander among Soviet citizens about their home-land.

In the first detailed Soviet comment on the accusations made by Count Nikolia Tolstoy in his book *The Victims of Yalta*, the magazine *International Affairs* accuses the press in Britain, the United States and other Western countries of "creating an uproar" over the repatriation of prisoners of war and disabled persons after the Second World War.

The magazine says that Count Tolstoy distorted the real Soviet stand on the matter without any facts to bear him out. It adds that his supporters are falsifiers of history using the issue to obstruct the *development of détente.*

Drawing on quotations from the Soviet press and Soviet histories of the Second World War, Mr V. Vasilyev, the author of the article, says that the Soviet Union was trying to make things easier for men and women stranded in occupied territory long before the issue of repatriation arose.

Soviet people in German captivity did not passively wait for liberation. Many escaped from concentration camps and fought again. More than 40,000 Soviet citizens fought with resistance groups in Europe, with about 40 Soviet partisan detachments in France alone. Many of them became famous in the European resistance movement.

But often "instead of providing Soviet citizens who valiantly fought in partisan detachments with proper facilities and assistance to return home, Anglo-American occupation authorities on the territory o fthe countries liberated from fascist invaders put Soviet people back into concentration camps together with Germans."

The Soviet Government set up an office of repatriation in October, 1944, and sent representatives to study the conditions of Soviet people in concentration camps. It was difficult to identify many of them as allied troops had confined them to camps together with German prisoners of war. In some cases, the article says, they were *even left under the* control of German prisoners-of war authorities which harrassed them.

When Soviet prisoners heard of their Government's efforts to liberate them, there was a "widespread response". But there were "occasional legal and financial collisions with local military and civilian authorities in various European countries and the United States". A specific repatriation agreement was sorely needed.

The agreements reached in Yalta "continued mutual commitments regarding an early repatriation of prisoners of war and civilians of the allied powers, as something that concerned all nations."

The author underlines the words "mutual" and "all nations". He says that those who talk about a "*mistake*" by Anthony Eden deliverately sidetrack the issue of the existence of important international legal documents concerning the lot of thousands of people.

Under the agreement, the Soviet Union had repatriated to Western Europe some 732,378 people by September 1, 1945. This went parallel with the repatriation to the Soviet Union of 2,229,552 Soviet citizens handed over by allied authorities. The Soviet authorities appreciated the great help the allies had provided.

"But to achieve the positive results of repatriation work certain difficulties had to be overcome. The return of Soviet citizens to their homeland was obstructed by some groups hostile to the Soviet Union; which had entrenched themselves in the zones under allied control and were composed of the remnants of fascist scum.

"They conducted hostile anti-Soviet propaganda among the Soviet citizens to be repatriated and sought to scare Soviet citizens who had long been cut off from their native land and had had no truthful information about it for years.

"Those groups spread slander about the Soviet Union, lied *about a 'paradise-like life'* abroad etc. Soviet people were told that they were all regarded *in the USSR as criminals and* traitors to their homeland and that they had nothing but labour camps in Siberia, life imprisonment or death by firing squad in store for them on their return to the Soviet Union".

Unfortunately, Mr Vasilyev goes on, these hostile groups were supported by Anglo-American military authorities, which failed to inform Soviet representatives—as they were supposed to under the Yalta agreement—of the camps where Soviet citizens were, concealed the whereabouts of the camps and often did not allow Soviet

The article says that when representatives to enter them. Britain declared its repatriation work completed on *July 1, 1946.* There were still more than 5,500 Soviet citizens in Britain. And when British and American occupation authorities in Germany told the Soviet Government *to discontinue its* repatriation missions from March 1, 1949, there were still more than 250,000 Soviet citizens in allied zones of Germany and Austria. This was a "downright breach" of the Yalta repatriation agreements.

The Soviet Union faithfully honoured its commitments not only to allied nations but to the defeated nations as well. "The desire for revenge was alien to the Soviet people. Showing generosity and guiding itself by the humanism inherent in the Soviet system, the Soviet Union had liberated and repatriated close on 500,000 Japanese by May, 1949, and about two million Germans by May, 1950."

International Affairs accuses the book, *The Victims of Yalta* of being nothing but a rehash of the same old far-fetched charges that used to be levelled against the Soviet Union by its opponents during the Second World War and in the early postwar years."

Prince hears Tito view of world in relaxed talks

From Dessa Trevisan
Igalo, Oct 24

The Prince of Wales motored down the *Montenegran coast* today for his first meeting with President Tito, the highlight of his visit to Yugoslavia which began yesterday, and will end on Friday.

During the two-hour meeting, described as relaxed and cordial, the President explained at great length his view of the international situation. Afterwards he gave a luncheon for Prince Charles at his winter *villa at Igalo, a spa and health* resort.

The atmosphere during the two-hour luncheon was easy and relaxed, as President Tito talked of a wide range of subjects, from personal reminiscences to recent historic and current international affairs.

Officials from his entourage said afterwards that they had seldom seen the President so much at ease and so forthcoming. Another official said that it was like an old man giving the young man the benefit of *his vast experience. President* Tito, who is 86, he has outlived all the great war leaders. Prince Charles will be 30 next month.

President Tito's reminiscences from the war years were *of particular interest.* Britain has always occupied a special place in Yugoslav affections as the country which had recognized President Tito's war resistance before any other.

President Tito paid particularly warm tribute to Sir Winston Churchill, recalling in great detail conversations he had with him in 1944 and 1953.

After the lunch, Prince Charles left for the central Adriatic port of Split where he will tour the palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian and the remains of the Roman city. Tomorrow he will visit a Yugoslav naval base.

Bitter attack on Dr Owen as Iran riots spread

From Tony Allaway
Tehran, Oct 24

Rioters rampaged through *the town of Gorgan, on the* Caspian Sea coast in North East Iran today, burning scores of banks, cinemas, liquor stores and government buildings.

In the Lower House, an opposition spokesman bitterly criticized Dr David Owen, the British Foreign Secretary for his recent statement supporting the Shah.

No acurate casualty figures were available but several people are believed to have died in the latest riots. Witnesses said fire and smoke could be seen in every part of Gorgan and the fire brigade was unable to cope.

The violence started during a 30,000 strong demonstration led by religious leaders and teachers to protest against alleged police brutality during demonstrations on Monday.

Witnesses said troops opened fire on the crowd when it tried to set fire to the local head quarters of the Savak secret *police.*

Today's violence is the latest in a wave of serious rioting in provincial cities now under martial law. Hundreds are feared to have died in the last few weeks.

There is growing concern among foreigners. Many Americans were leaving the more isolated towns as anti-American feelings began to come out in the open.

A spokesman for the British Embassy said, however, that they did not consider special measures necessary to protect British residents.

Dr Owen was attacked in the Majlis (Lower House) today for statements he made two days ago supporting the Shah.

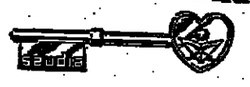
Mr Mohsen Peseshkpour, the Opposition leader, accused Dr Owen of supporting "alien and anti-Iranian policies".

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OVERSEAS

Rhodesian Catholics dismiss race moves as 'timid and too late'

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, Oct 24

The Roman Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace, a frequent critic of the Rhodesian Government, describes the recent moves by the transitional Government to abolish racial discrimination as "timid and late and not an answer to the country's problems".

In a highly critical comment it says that the Government document on removing bars, while welcome, appeared to stem from an excessive concern to allay European fears rather than to redress the wrongs of the past and to acknowledge the true aspirations of the African people.

"The picture we have is that of a small number of comparatively wealthy Africans being cautiously admitted into European preserves on certain specific conditions. This will hardly satisfy the average African or give him any sense of equality".

The commission notes that Bishop Muzorewa, the present chairman of the executive Council, announced at the time the Government's proposals were published that all forms of racial discrimination were to be scrapped but he did not say that it would be at least three or four months before these provisions would be effective.

"Perhaps the most serious defect in the recommendations is that although, on paper, economic discrimination is replacing racial discrimination, in practice the end result will be the same.

"The rich/poor division in Rhodesian society almost entirely coincides with the white/black division. The statement is completely silent on the question of wage structures which weigh so heavily against the labourers and unskilled workers—in practice all Africans. There is no indication that any effort will be made to relieve the financial burdens carried by the majority of the population.

"The root difficulty about this statement is its lack of relevance. Timid and late, it is not an answer to our problems. What the country needs is peace.

"Fighting, the breakdown of normal services, the deaths of innocent civilians, martial law, curfews, detention without trial, have become the Rhodesian way of life. Making circumstances a little easier for a handful of Africans is monumentally irrelevant. The Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Rhodesia would like to reiterate its belief that the main issue is surely the abolition of the present power structure which has been used to deny social justice to the majority of the people, and its replacement by a government democratically elected by all the people of this country—one that is not based on race, religion or economic status of the individual but on equal rights.

"To this effect the Commission would once more urge that the transitional Government should play a more positive role in negotiating a cease-fire, taking part in an all-party conference and finding an acceptable settlement with the leaders of the externally-based nationalist movements which would end the bloodshed and suffering of the people."

Predictably, the recent formation of tribal political parties and a black and white alliance advocating a federal government for Rhodesia has been condemned here by other leading political parties. In addition, Senator Chief Kayisa Ndiweni, the co-Minister for internal affairs, has dissociated himself from the group and denied that he would lead the Matabele-oriented United People's Association.

Chief Ndiweni said while he was deeply conscious of the need for special representation for the Matabeleland people and intended to pursue that question, he believed the principles of the National Alliance, which was formed last week by Dr Colin Barlow, a former Rhodesian Front MP, were destructive to the unity of the country.

Other parties took a similar line, with Professor Stanlake Samkange, of the United African National Council (UANC), saying that policies based on regionalism, tribalism and racism were the last refuge of incompetent politicians. It was unwise to try to polarize people, he said.

A spokesman for the Zimbabwe African National Union, which supports the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, said the "balkanization" of Rhodesia would create more problems than it was intended to solve. A spokesman for the Zimbabwe United People's Organization (ZUPO), which Senator Chief Jeremiah Chirau heads, dismissed the National Alliance as a "stillborn baby".

Mr Robert Logan, chairman of the movement, said, however, that those who criticized it had no support in Matabeleland and it was dwindling significantly in other parts of the country.

Chief Chirau, on his return from his visit to America with fellow members of the Executive Council, said that the United States Government had voted $5m (£2.5m) for immediate relief work among refugees and other war victims in Rhodesia, and was now looking for a suitable agency through which to channel the grant.

Jury clears doctors and journalist is set free

Hackensack, New Jersey, Oct 24.—Dr Mario Jascalevich was acquitted today of charges that he murdered three hospital patients 10 years ago.

The jury had deliberated for less than two hours in the case which, because of defence demands for the notebooks of a reporter of The New
an important test of the rights of the American Press to shield sources who give information in confidence.

Earlier today a judge ordered that the reporter, Mr Myron Farber, should be released after spending 39 days in jail for refusing to surrender his notes.

Judge Theodore Trautwein said he was freeing the reporter because the trial testimony had ended and the punishment had therefore lost its effectiveness.

Dr Jascalevich, had been accused of killing the patients by injecting them with lethal doses of the muscle relaxant curare.

Mr Farber wrote a series of articles which prompted officials to reopen a 10-year-old investigation into the deaths. As a result murder charges were preferred against Dr Jascalevich.

Backed by his newspaper, the reporter refused to turn over his notes on the case.

The judge also suspended a six-month jail sentence for criminal contempt imposed on Mr Farber and a fine of $5,000 (£2,500) a day levied on *the New York Times*.—Reuter.



The helper and the hapless: A fireman watches a resident walk to safety from his burning house.

Many more homes lie in path of Los Angeles blaze

Los Angeles, Oct 24.—A rapidly-spreading brush fire raged out of control here early today, destroying at least 76 homes in exclusive western suburbs and threatening many more. Hundreds of residents fled as the houses, many valued at more than $300,000 (£150,000) were engulfed by flames fanned by 40 mph winds during the worst fire in Los Angeles for 17 years.

Several injuries were reported when many people, staying in their homes until the last minute, were forced to make emergency escapes from the flames. Cries of "get back" were heard as some people tried to return to their homes to save belongings. Many were forced to abandon their cars

The night sky over the city glowed red and was filled with a huge cloud of smoke from the biggest blaze since the 1961 fire which destroyed more than 450 homes in the Bel-Air district.

The two most serious fires were in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles and just west of Malibu, near the Pacific coast, where officials estimated between 50 and 60 homes were destroyed as the flames swept along a 20-mile front, burning more than 15,000 acres.

The Brentwood fire, however, presented a potentially more serious situation since hundreds of homes lay directly in its path.—Reuter.

Prospect of Salt treaty now in lap of US Senate

The latest talks in Moscow between America and Russia had solved some problems blocking a new treaty to limit nuclear arms and remaining issues had as much to do with "political will" as the strategic balance between the super powers, a senior American official said in London yesterday.

He told reporters travelling with Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secretary of State, that the negotiations with President Brezhnev and Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister had resolved two of the outstanding issues. He would not say whether they were major or minor.

Progress had also been made on other issues, he said, but there would have to be further negotiations before a strategic arms limitation agreement (Salt) could be concluded and a summit meeting held between President Carter and President Brezhnev. The matter of "political will" involved the problem of getting the United States Senate's approval for the treaty

Although the American negotiators spoke of remaining differences, a Soviet statement after Mr Vance's talks with Mr Brezhnev on Monday did not mention any obstacles. It indicated that the two sides had already agreed in principle to hold the summit as soon as a treaty was completed

Mr Vance had two hours of talks with Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, at Heathrow during the refuelling stop.

Salisbury military 'unable to contain the guerrillas'

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

The situation of the whites in Rhodesia would be grim if they were set on fighting to a finish, Mr Garfield Todd, the former Southern Rhodesian Prime Minister, said yesterday. The cost in lives and property, and for the black community would be terrible.

Mr Todd told a meeting of the Minority Rights Group at the House of Commons, that in his judgment "the guerrillas and the people are one". It was clear that the military was unable to contain the guerrillas, and that it was slipping back in some areas.

That the people were supporting the guerrillas wholeheartedly was borne out by the great numbers of people who were either leaving the country or joining the guerrilla army.

Lord Plunket, who has lived in Rhodesia for many years and who recently returned from a visit there, suggested that the local population was in favour of the aims of the guerrillas, rather than the guerrillas themselves. What the Africans wanted above all, he thought, was a British presence—not Mr Nkomo, nor Mr Mugabe, nor the internal government.

Replying to a question from Mr David Steel, the Liberal Party leader, Mr Todd said it had become very difficult to see how a conference of all the parties concerned in a settlement in Rhodesia could now be organized. It was necessary to let tempers cool down. He hoped the United States would set out a programme of what kind of help was available to the country and what could be done. He also criticized the British Government for failing to "educate" public opinion more fully.

Pressure to hold a conference must be maintained, he continued. Thirty to 50 people were being killed every day, so there could be no let up. The fact that the guerrillas would eventually win the war tempted Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe to wait.

Dr Owen the Foreign Secretary, discussed Rhodesia and Namibia with Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secretary of State, yesterday, when they met at London Airport on Mr Vance's return from Moscow.

Bush war deaths: Military headquarters announced that 15 people had died in Rhodesia's bush war in the past 24 hours, Reuter reported from Salisbury.

They included Mr Clifford Brent, a white rancher, aged about 55, who was ambushed by guerrillas, nine black civilians, two members of the security forces and two guerrillas and one collaborator.

'Let bygones be bygones' offer to Sir Harold

Salisbury, Oct 24

The Rhodesian newspaper, the Herald said today that should the oil sanctions debate in Britain prove too much for Sir Harold Wilson, the former Prime Minister should be offered political asylum in the rebel colony.

"Not only is the former emperor now emerging as one of leading oil suppliers during his term in office; he appears also to be taking a more realistic view of our problems, even to the extent of rebuking Mr Andrew Young (the United States representative at the United Nations)", the newspaper said.

"Perhaps it would be stretching things a bit to suggest that Sir Harold was, in fact, our man at Whitehall. But if things do not get too hot for him at Westminster, should we not let bygones be bygones and offer him political asylum?"

Crewmen lost

Hongkong, Oct 24.—Two crew of an Indonesian cargo vessel drowned and six were missing after it sank in the South China Sea.

Charity concert instead of jail for Rolling Stone

Toronto, Oct 24.—Keith Richards, the Rolling Stones guitarist, was put on one year's probation today and ordered to give a benefit performance for blind people in Canada. He had been convicted of possessing heroin.

Explaining why he had decided against a jail term, Judge Lloyd Graburn said that medical reports submitted in the trial showed Mr Richards had overcome his addiction problem through treatment. This treatment must continue.

He ordered the guitarist to give a benefit performance for the Canadian National Institute of the Blind within six months—either by himself or with a group of his choice. The sentence was applauded by the mostly young fans of Mr Richards who packed the courtroom. They were quickly silenced.

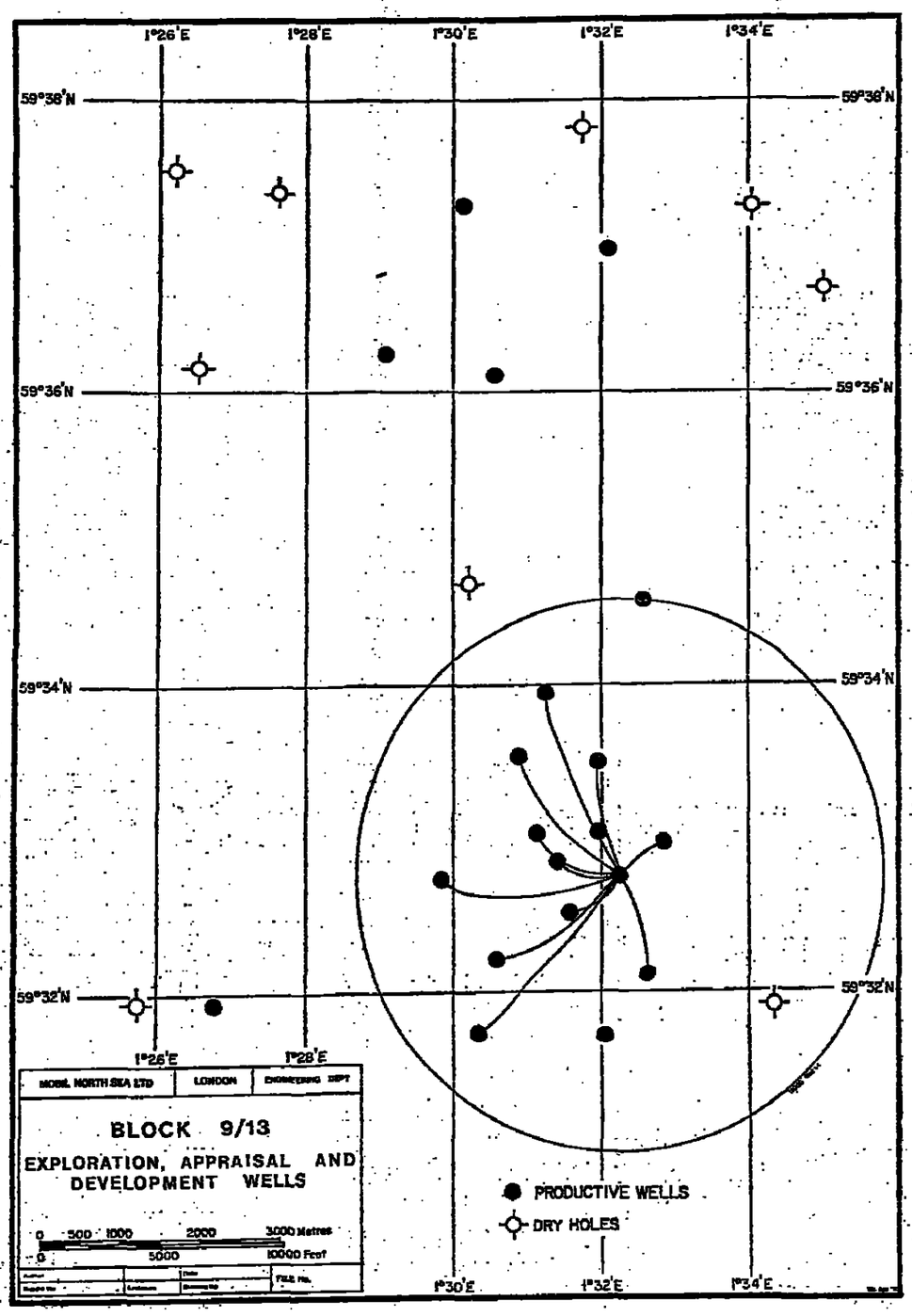
Mr Richards had pleaded guilty to possession of heroin. He was arrested in February 1977, after three-quarters of an ounce of heroin had been found in his hotel room while he was in Canada performing with the Rolling Stones.—Reuter.

Aquapuncture.

The ancient Chinese developed a technique for puncturing the body with needles to relieve pain.

Puncturing the earth under the sea with drill bits and lengths of steel pipe can bring us relief, even exhilaration at times — but more often the result is pain. For each North Sea exploration well which has found oil or gas in commercial quantities, the oil industry has sunk 14 which were 'dry'. At £3-4 million each, this can be pretty painful. All these dry holes, as well as all other costs, have to be paid for — out of the income from any successful wells we may find.

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This did not mean, however, that all our problems at Beryl were neatly solved. Even by slanting production wells we knew the platform would not be able to recover oil beyond the 'capture radius' represented by the large circle on the map.

We found that our subterranean reservoir actually extended beyond the capture radius. But how far beyond? Trying to appraise the whole block has so far required more exploration and appraisal wells than in any other North Sea block. Nine have been dry, like many others Mobil has been involved with in offshore waters round Britain.

Altogether in the Beryl block we may eventually bring up 600 million or more barrels of oil from the existing platform and additional facilities now being considered. Assuming, that is, that our technical evaluations are correct. We're dealing with nature, and nature doesn't make guarantees, no matter how much money you have invested. After six years, Beryl's behaviour has lost none of its ability to surprise us.

Elsewhere in the North Sea we are continuing to seek relief through aquapuncture, either on our own, or in partnerships formed to share the risks and costs of failure as well as the rewards of success. So long as we believe that the economic advantage of success will exceed the costs of failures we shall keep punching away. That's our promise — and the business reality.

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OVERSEAS

General Zia makes poll dependent on guarantees for Islam

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad, Oct 24

President Zia ul-Haq, of Pakistan has proposed a series of conditions for holding the promised general election next year. He told a press conference at Faisalabad last night that the winning parties should implement his Islamic system which he proposed to introduce on Id al-Haj, the festival of the pilgrimage to Mecca, next month.

General Zia said that only those political parties which were committed to Islamic ideology would be permitted to take part in the election. He, thus, seemed to exclude parties avowedly socialist.

He was convinced that no one among the masses wanted an immediate poll. Before the election was held he wanted to be convinced that its results would not lead to chaos as was the case after the 1970 general election and the dismemberment of the country.

Before polling could be held an appropriate atmosphere should be created. If a democratic system should result, from the election, the country's body-politic should be cleansed of undesirable elements. This was an apparent reference to the Pakistan People's Party of Mr Zulfikar Bhutto, the former Prime Minister, and some other left-wing organizations. He regarded the present system of political parties as un-Islamic and wanted the election to be held in accordance with Islamic ideology.

He would lay the foundations of an Islamic system before the general election and it would be the duty of the elected government to implement and run it successfully.

General Zia repeated his offer to the Pakistan National Alliance, which is in partnership with his martial law regime, to transfer power to it immediately if its seven component parties dissolved to form a single Islamic party. He thus ignored the objections of political leaders to a transfer of power without an election.

He said he was convinced that the Alliance had the support of the majority of the people. After the transfer of power he would go back to his main job as chief of the Army and see to it that no one could dislodge the Alliance government.

However, Maulana Mufti Mahmud, the president of the Alliance, has declined the offer, saying that no political party could justify its coming to power without being given a public mandate through elections.

Mr Justice Mushtaq Hussain, the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, directed the Punjab Home Secretary to appear at the hearing of a writ petition challenging the constitutional validity of press censorship on selected newspapers. Ten newspapers are required to submit to pre-censorship imposed in Sind Punjab and Baluchistan last week.

Teng reception boycotted by Japanese Communists

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Oct 24

Nursing a 12-year-old grudge against Peking, the Communist Party of Japan decided today to boycott a special reception in Tokyo at which Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, the visiting Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, was introduced to conservative politicians and the leaders of opposition parties.

According to an official programme, the leaders of the main parties were invited to meet Mr Teng and the Chinese delegation today at the official residence of Mr Shigeru Hori, the Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament. But as Japanese conservatives and moderate socialists greeted the Chinese revolutionary leaders with warm affection, it soon became apparent that Mr Kenji Miyamoto, the chairman of the Communist Party of Japan, was more conspicuous by his absence.

Officials said that the leaders of the main opposition parties, including the Communists, were invited to attend a round of talks with Mr Teng today. "All leaders attended, except Mr Miyamoto", an official said.

Reached by telephone tonight a Communist Party spokesman explained that the Chinese party was responsible for the ideological differences between the two parties for the past 12 years. "In the circumstances, it would be humiliating for Mr Miyamoto to meet Mr Teng".

Later today Mr Teng was shown over the Nissan Motor Company's highly automated plant at Zama, near Tokyo. At one point journalists and photographers were barred from entering secret sections of the automated assembly line. The Chinese leader was deeply impressed. After inspecting the plant where the output is 42 cars a worker a year, Mr Teng said: "I now know what modern technology means".

Mr Teng and members of his delegation also called on Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the former Prime Minister, who visited Peking in 1972 to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Declaration by Mrs Gandhi held to be false

From Our Correspondent
Delhi, Oct 24

One of Mrs Indira Gandhi's opponents has demanded legal action against the former Prime Minister over what he claims is a false statement to an electoral officer.

Mrs Gandhi is contesting a by-election in the Chikmagalur seat in the Lok Sabha on November 5.

In applying for the inclusion of her name in the electoral roll from the constituency, she said she was a resident of Vishnu Ashram in the state in which the election *is being* held.

It is not clear why she did so because an Indian citizen resident in any part of the country can contest any Lok Sabha election. For the Upper House, the Rajya Sabha, a candidate must have been resident in the relevant state for six months to be eligible.

Probably this is only a technical error, but a Rajya Sabha member, Mr Era Sezhiyan, of the Janata party, today demanded immediate legal action against Mrs Gandhi

A false declaration is an offence under the Representation of the People Act 1950. The offence is punishable by imprisonment of up to one year

Mexican leader arrives in Peking for talks

Peking, Oct 24. — President José Lopez Portillo of Mexico arrived in Peking today on a six-day official visit. He was welcomed by chairman Hua Kuo-feng and Mr Li Hsien-nien, a Deputy Prime Minister, and other top leaders at the airport and greeted by the rythmic chanting of thousands of children waving flowers and flags.

Senor Lopez is accompanied by his wife, three of his children and a delegation of 11 including Senor Jorge Diaz Serrano, the director general of the Mexican oil company, *tonight he was guest of* honour at a banquet given by Chairman Hua.

The main topic of discussions will be Sino-Mexican cooperation, begun with the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1972 and given a boost by the visit to China in April 1973 of President Luis Echeverria.

The agreements on cultural, scientific and technical cooperation signed in 1973, are expected to be widened, according to Mexican sources.

The two sides are also expected to discuss the situation in the Third World, the establishment of a new world economic order, the non-aligned movement, and Cuba.—Agence France-Presse.

Conservatives win narrow victory in New Brunswick

From John Best
Ottawa, Oct 24

The Progressive Conservatives were narrowly returned to office yesterday in the provincial general election in New Brunswick, one of Canada's Atlantic provinces.

The Conservatives, led by Mr Richard Hatfield, the provincial Premier, won 30 of the 58 seats in the legislature, the same number they held when the legislature was dissolved last month. The Liberals won 28 seats, four more than at the dissolution. The separatist Parti Acadien and the socialist New Democratic Party both failed to win a seat.

After providing a Speaker, the Conservatives will be left with a majority of one. Despite its narrowness, however, the Conserbative victory will strengthen party morale across Canada after last week's strong Conservative showing in 15 federal by-elections. The Conservatives won 10 while the Liberals, under Mr Trudeau, the Prime Minister, took only two.

The Conservatives and Liberals fought the New Brunswick election on the issue of leadership and credibility, paying scant attention to formal platforms. The campaign in its final stages degenerated into a name-calling contest, in which racial bigotry played a part.

There is a deep-rooted, French-English division in New Brunswick, the most balanced of Canada's 10 provinces in terms of language, with 60 per cent of the population English, the rest Canadian-French. The French, concentrated in the North-East, traditionally vote Liberal, while the English, in the south, vote Conservative. These trends continued in yesterday's voting.

The final orbits

Moscow, Oct 24.—The record-breaking space flight by the two Soviet cosmonauts, Mr Alexander Ivanchenko and Colonel Vladimir Kovalyonok, "is drawing to a close" after more than four months in orbit, Tass news agency said.

Lorry hits wedding

Cairo, Oct 24.—A speeding lorry killed 11 people and seriously injured seven others when it ploughed into a wedding procession at Al Kharga's great oasis, 120 miles west of Luxor.

Guest Column

Rhodesia: who are the guilty parties?

Frank Hooley, Labour MP for Sheffield, Heeley, and chairman of the Coordinating Committee, International Anti-Apartheid Year, is this week's guest columnist.



The public argument about policy towards Rhodesia is becoming more and more bizarre The article by Ronald Butt (*The Times*, September 14), solemnly advocates that Christians should apply economic sanctions against their own churches because the nationalist liberation forces fighting in Rhodesia are alleged to have murdered Christian missionaries (I am not sure that the allegations were ever proven) and did in fact shoot down an aeroplane with the tragic loss of 44 lives. It is not clear why Mr Butt supposes that by withholding their weekly offering to their own communion, Methodists, Anglicans and others will in any way contribute to ending the ugly civil war now raging in what could have been a beautiful, prosperous and peaceful country—but for the folly of Mr Ian Smith.

The World Council of Churches and the British Council of Churches are abundantly well able to defend the administration of the funds entrusted to them. It is to their credit, rather than otherwise, that some of those funds should be earmarked to combat racism—the most pernicious social and moral evil that we have to contend with in the world. I find it weird, and dismaying, that when the churches seek to combat this evil they should attract such virulent condemnation in the columns of *The Times*. It is reminiscent of the prosecution by South Africa of the Dean of Johannesburg, who was convicted of "terrorism" for giving help to the families of political prisoners.

After all, why did Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe take up arms in the first place and what are they fighting against?

They and their comrades were imprisoned without trial for many years by a regime whose whole purpose was to uphold white racism, to preserve the grotesque economic, political and social privileges of a tiny white minority and to do it by a brutal array of racially discriminatory laws—carried to the ultimate outrage of hanging political prisoners. The United Kingdom and the international community *did nothing effective to* help the oppressed people of Zimbabwe so, like others down the ages, they resorted to an armed struggle.

What of Ian Smith? He can hardly complain that he has been harshly dealt with; from the very beginning of his foolhardy rebellion successive British governments have strained tolerance and principles to the limit (and beyond decent limits) to achieve a return to legality and a peaceful evolution to a non-racist society in an independent Zimbabwe. However pusillanimous or inept British Ministers have been over the past 13 years, the ultimate goal of their policies has been honourable.

For about 10 years Smith held undisputed (if unrecognized) sway; he did nothing to persuade the African people of Zimbabwe, the British government, or the world at large, that he had any sincere intention of abandoning his racially discriminatory policies. The result was a slow drift into civil war, with the grim killings and sufferings that such wars always bring. For Ronald Butt to splutter in indignation over some brutal killing—though he ignores the hideous massacre carried out by Smith's troops at Chimoio—without damning the evil architect of the whole tragedy is a fantastic exercise in upside-down morality.

I believe that the same kind of hitting out at the wrong targets may arise from the Bingham report, and that this report could give rise to controversy and acrimony which will distract politicians and their advisers from concentrating their minds on the real problems. It would be ironic if at this stage of the Rhodesia conflict a barrage of condemnation and abuse were let loose against those who strove, however ineptly, to settle the matter without spilling blood and that this should overshadow the responsibility of the guilty men—Smith and Vorster.

The Bingham report should certainly not be ignored in so far as it provides prima facie evidence that the law has been broken and Parliament and the country will require answers from governments and ministers as to why evasion and deception were practised on an issue of such sensitivity to the international reputation of the United Kingdom. But at the end of the day Bingham simply tells us what everybody knows; that Ian Smith's war machine has been lubricated by a steady flow of oil for the past 13 years and that the essential, indispensable accomplice to this end has been South Africa. If public anger is now vented against British Ministers and civil servants, and the directors and managers of oil companies, the extent to which the crimes of Smith and Vorster are permitted to fade into the background will only lead to rejoicing in Salisbury and Pretoria.

The crucial lesson from Bingham must be not that oil sanctions or indeed any other form of economic sanctions authorized by the UN are a waste of time but that in future the permanent members of the Security Council must see to it that such sanctions are made fully effective. Theirs is the particular and special responsibility.

Whether Rhodesia can be saved from drifting into the kind of chaos and warfare which have beset other colonies on the way to independence is uncertain. What is clear is the criminal responsibility of South Africa, whose unwavering economic support for Ian Smith and contempt for UN decisions on sanctions have been the major factors in allowing his rebellion to continue and frustrating the pressure that could have destroyed it without war—maybe even in weeks rather than months.

South Africa's *contempt for* the UN extends *not* only to the situation in Rhodesia but also to the civilized plan for the independence of Namibia, worked out by the UN Secretary-General and endorsed by the Security Council—which she has now rejected. The only logical policy open to the western world is to declare clearly who are the guilty parties; demand that Ian Smith abandon his rebellion unconditionally and that South Africa bow to the authority of the Security Council—or take the consequences.

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Children's Books

Why ten wrongs don't make a children's right

This year's Frankfurt Book Fair has been held under the sign of what looks like a hairy green potato on two legs. *Kind und Buch*, it proclaims. "The Child and the Book"—but whether the potato is meant to symbolize how near to the root of literary culture children's books lie, or whether it stands for the queasy radicalism of the German *Kinderbuchtheoretiker* is not clear. Possibly it stands for both—as we shall see.

One thing, however, is certain about the massive emphasis on children's books at this year's fair, and that is its determined internationalism. The heart of the special hangar given over to *Kind und Buch* was a "World Children's Book Exhibition", catalogued under the title *Printed for Children*, and displaying over 2,500 books from some 70 different countries. (This is a Unesco-sponsored affair which will *move to Paris next* April as part of the United Nations' "Year of the Child" celebrations.

In addition, though, there was a display and critical handbook on *The Third World in German Children's Books 1967-77*; there was a small but significant exhibition of European children's books of the past five ceturies; and there were heady discussions on such topics as "Libraries and the children of migrant workers"—all carried on while local children wrote and printed their own fair newspaper, or hurled prepared questions at the writers of children's books, or visited a "Children's Literature Circus" on the Römerberg: "literary, musical and circus displays in a real big top."

While it is surely true that few other countries in the world (Japan? United States?) could organize a *Kind und Buch* fair with this degree of earnest thoroughness, it is important to note that the international emphases at Frankfurt are part and parcel of a movement which has been gathering force for a couple of decades, and which also owes much to German energy. *This is the movement towards* closer cooperation between nations in the circulation of ideas about children's books and in the forming of specialist groups for promoting particular kinds of discussion.

It is true, certainly, that for over 200 years there has been a busy international *trade* in children's books—often stemming from no more altruistic a motive than the commercial value of enhanced print-runs—but now the customers and the social philosophers are getting together too, and a variety of organizations, rich in polysyllables and acronyms, can be found: a Children's Section of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA); an International Board on Books for Youth (IBBY); even an International Research Society for Children's Literature, which has recently concluded a jolly symposium at Exeter University.

In so far as one accepts the premise that giving children the chance to read *a lot of books is a "Good Thing", then* these organizations have something to be said in their favour. It is easy enough to poke fun at the fact that the active membership of each group may well consist of the same few people and that they may thus spend much of their free time scattering about the world conferring among themselves; but there can be no doubt that marginal benefits do accrue, and that these may even seep through to actual children.

At a practical level this occurs by force of example. If, as at Frankfurt, someone displays a "model library for young readers", it offers a standard against which those concerned with developing library services elsewhere can measure their performance. *If, as at Frankfurt and* at various international conferences, questions relating to the provision of books for minority groups are debated, then it enables a wider range of experiences to be pooled, and possibly encourages less dogmatic attitudes among those who work with children on such tricky ground. Above all, Europe's long history of children's book publishing, and the relative sophistication of schools and libraries in Europe and the United States can serve as a reservoir of ideas upon which countries with less experience can draw (or a register of awful warnings of things they might avoid).

The trouble is that considerations of this kind, which are ultimately reducible to the mundane issue of how to get money out of central or local governments, all too easily become overlaid with theories of a more elaborate kind. One of the most prominent of these, mooted by Jella *Lepman, the founder of IBBY*, was that children's books can contribute materially to the cause of peace—a view echoed in the Director-General of UNESCO's preface to *Printed for Children:*

"... it is also most desirable that these books help pave the way for international understanding and cooperation by familiarizing children ... with the tales and legends, customs, *lifestyle, history and* geography of other countries of the world, be they near or far ..."

Well, Mrs Lepman may be right—and I am sure that everyone would be glad to know that learning to read is the first step towards peaceful coexistence—but I have no idea how her thesis can be proved, or whether one could not advance a contrary argument. And the Director-General of UNESCO may also be right—but there seems to me to be a huge gap between an ideal like "international understanding" and, on the one hand, a child's limited ability to cope with such a dizzying abstraction, and, on the other, the ineffectual nature of books for such a purpose. Can we really persuade ourselves that the magical *Contes de ma Mère l'Oye*, or the shatteringly dramatic folk tales of American Indians bear any relationship to a world outside the imagination; and, at the other end of the scale, does a concatenation of multi-coloured albums with titles like *Ruritania, the Country and its People* not induce instant boredom rather than understanding?

If these large theories were only wishful thinking, it would not be necessary to bother about them too much. But, unfortunately, there are signs, both at Frankfurt and in the mass of documents engendered by the international groups, that the theories are father and mother to a new brand of publishing: international morality.

As in some of the books displayed in the exhibition of historic children's books (*The Secret of Godliness and Evildoing, Embodied in Tales of Commendation and Blame* ... Augsburg, 1737) the message to be preached is felt to be too crucial to be left to market forces or the creative writer in his eyrie, and tales must be constructed and internationally sponsored to do the job properly.

An embarrassing example of this wayward idealism has recently appeared in the form of an extravagant series of large picture books which is being produced to coincide with The Year of the Child, published in this country by Basil Blackwell with the support of UNICEF (£2.65 a volume). *The series is entitled The Rights of Children* and I suppose has its origin in the same impulse that caused some official at Frankfurt to keep reiterating the dotty phrase "Children in our society are an oppressed minority. (Which children? Whose society? And what does "oppressed" mean?).

Each volume of the series has been prepared as an exegesis of one clause in a thing called the United Nations Declaration of Rights of the Child, and lavish colour work by artists of various nationalities goes to prop up a set of crude parables, fables and moral anecdotes. For example: once upon a time there was a country where the children were always good and polite, *but never laughed. Then* along came a wizard and "hey presto!" mayhem, disobedience and laughter burst forth at one and the same time until everyone learns to be pleased that the "children were now like all other children". A barely credible piece of publishing which apparently illustrates the principle that "Children shall have special care ... to help them grow up healthily and normally".

Vacuities of this sort, will I suppose, make interesting exhibits for Frankfurt fairs two hundred years hence, but it ought to be remarked that the present use of children's books to promote an officially approved social philosophy differs only in degree from their use to promote a specific political one—a thought by no means foreign to the Federal Republic of Germany, which has long been riven by debates over the political implications of publishing for children.

During the last decade, a small procession of Herr Professor Doktors has lined up to question the acceptability of German children's books and, time and again, has found them wanting. The classics offer only stereotyped images; the folk tale is infected with bourgeois values; the whole publishing industry anyway is a lackey of advanced industrial capitalism.

Such galumphing may seem absurd to observers in a country where the only Herr Professor Doktors who meddle with children's books have names like Dodgson and Tolkein. But the spectacle is not really very funny. Where vitality and wit, and imagination are concerned, the hand of the political manipulator is as dead as that of the various moralists who preceded him, and when he gets his way you find yourself served such cheery manifestos as that which the Socialist Republic of Vietnam issues in *Printed for Children*, where children's books "serve on a long term basis the political work and the education of the younger generation ... and set forth the specific political tasks for each stage of the revolution, with the purpose of forming our young people and our children, making them new men, socialists, collective masters of society ...".

Even the language ("making them new men") has the fanaticism of the old puritanical writers, and one is left wondering if the United Nations should not issue an eleventh clause to its Bill of Children's Rights: protection from the sterile grasp of doctrine. But please don't publish a picture book about it.

Brian Alderson

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2: Agatha Christie's DEATH ON THE NILE (A). Sep. Perfs Dly. 2.15, 5.15, 8.15. (No Show Thurs., Fri. Sat. 11.15. Seats Bkable.

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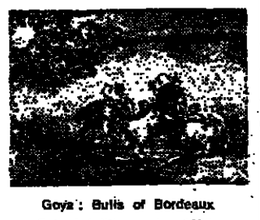
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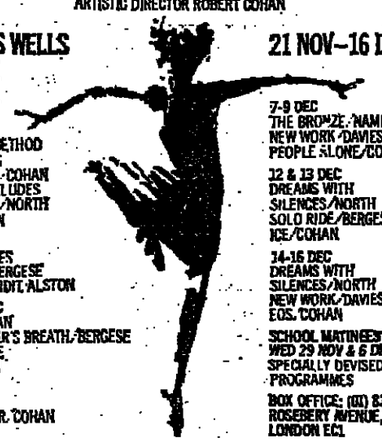
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The nonstop Michael Blakemore

When Ira Levin's new thriller *Deathtrap* reaches the Garrick Theatre tomorrow it will be the eighth production in nearly as many years to feature Denis Quilley under the direction of Michael Blakemore. Their partnership goes back a good deal farther: to 1963, in fact, when both were acting in an open-air *Much Ado* in Regent's Park, and since that time they have worked (as actor and director) on such National Theatre successes as *The Front Page* and *Long Day's Journey* and such non-National successes as *Candida* and, most recently, *Privates on Parade*.

Deathtrap comes from Broadway (where John Wood has been having a sustained and flamboyant success in the title role) and from the *Sleuth* tradition of "theatrical" thrillers: in this case a writer of stage whodunnits suffering a temporary mental block receives through the post a brilliant new script by one of his former pupils, and then has to decide how best to dispose of both the play and the pupil.



Mr Levin is of course no slouch at the gothic (for the screen he wrote both *Rosemary's Baby* and the forthcoming Olivier *Boys from Brazil*) and if Broadway experience is anything to go by then the Blakemore-Quilley partnership should be in business again for several months to come.

Michael Blakemore was born 50 years ago in Sydney, Australia, where, since I had better here declare this interest, he was kind enough just after the war to teach me how to read and write while he was between engagements as an actor. He'd started off as a medical student, rapidly turned to the theatre and in 1950 came to London to study acting at RADA. For the next 15 years he made his living as an actor and used that experience as the background for a remarkable if still little-known novel called *Next Season*; then, while at the Glasgow Citizens' which he'd originally joined as an actor, he turned to directing and in 1967 made his name with the first of the Peter Nichols plays, *A Day in the Death of Joe Egg*. By 1969 he'd joined Olivier's National Theatre where he was to stay until a much-publicized break with Peter Hall two years ago.

It was Blakemore who first brought Quilley into the National company and much of their best work there was done together: this is, however, a first thriller for both of them:

"I wanted to find a really good one, and I think this is it. I happened to be in New York earlier this year, directing a new David Williamson play which opened during the newspaper strike and unfortunately also closed during it, and while I was there I saw *Deathtrap* and knew I wanted to do it. I hope maybe the Williamson will also be seen over here eventually: it's about intrigues in Australian sport, and has curious parallels with the Boycott affair."

Since his abrupt departure from the National, Blakemore has been roaming the world as a freelance director:

"Before the Williamson I spent two months in Denmark doing *Hay Fever*. In Danish. The last production of it there had run three hours with one interval: we ran two hours with two intervals so at least it was speedy. In a socialist democracy like Denmark, you know, Coward is regarded with a wicked kind of reverence, like the very best Scotch in bootleg Chicago. I'd be invited to someone's house for dinner, they'd lower the lights, lock the door and play me the balcony scene from *Private Lives*. They still think of Coward as a sort of scandal. But rehearsing in a language you don't really speak or understand is like spending a whole day watching subtitled foreign films on television. We had seven weeks' rehearsal, and after about the third I knew it by heart so then I could follow it even in Danish. I learnt their word for "winsomely" which sounded like "toodneoodle" and every time that came up I knew precisely where we were in the text. I once also did Brecht's *Arturo Ui* in Hebrew at the Habimah; it's quite possible to direct in a foreign language, but you need a lot of time and energy and patience. Rehearsals are incredibly strenuous.

"But one of the good things about being freelance again is that I do get to travel and see other national theatres: the Danish theatre had just done *Pippin* with the resident company, all of whom had been trained to sing and dance as well as act from their student days. They seem to have a ratio in their drama schools of one teacher to every two pupils, and they all fence and do acrobatics as a matter of course. But it's still a very closed system: you can't get work in the theatre there unless you've been to a certain school.

"Temperamentally, I think I'm better suited to the commercial theatre: I like the West End where productions are run on a tighter budget and the experience is that much more intense because it's over a shorter period. My best years at the National were with Olivier and it was probably time I left there anyway."

Blakemore is understandably reluctant to rake up the controversy over the National's artistic and financial management which caused him to leave, though he will admit that when he went back there recently to redirect *Plunder* "everyone behaved with remarkable, if tight-lipped, tact". One difference he does note, now that he is again on the open market, is that a freelance (non-company) director has to do more shows to stay alive.

"This year already I've done *Private on Parade* for the West End, *Plunder* for the National, *Players* on Broadway, *Hay Fever* in Denmark, now *Deathtrap* and then I go straight back to Denmark to do the television of our *Hay Fever*. It's a life of constant packing and travelling and it doesn't leave you much time for reflection. You also have to plan ahead: next year for instance I already know I'm doing an Australian *Privates* and then *The Seagull* in Denmark."

Married, with a 17-year-old son, Blakemore admits that his is still often a lonely life: "Exhausting, and very lonely: you spend a lot of your time confronting strangers who ate paying your hotel and air fares and want to be sure they've got a good buy. The goodwill of total strangers is the most exhausting thing I know: you arrive back in your hotel room after the first rehearsal with your face positively aching from all that smiling. Then a few weeks later, just when you've got to know the company, it's the first night and you're packing up to start directing something else with another group of people."

Even so, Blakemore has no desire to get back into the life of a permanent company:

"I found as early as Glasgow that I really wasn't much good at administration, and I seem not to be especially diplomatic. I think also that people find it hard to slip me into any particular category: apart from the Nichols plays [of which he's now done five] and a couple of Cowards I seem not to have done more than one play by any one writer. But I like that: the whole joy of the theatre is that it's one long experiment."

Sheridan Morley

Petit shows off Baryshnikov

La Dame de Pique
Champs-Elysées, Paris

John Percival

This year's Paris International Dance Festival, presented under the auspices of the city's Festival d'Automne, has opened in a big way with the premiere of a ballet based on *The Queen of Spades* and created by Roland Petit as a starring vehicle for Mikhail Baryshnikov.

Petit knows all about stars and how to show them off. Nobody could complain of short measure in Baryshnikov's share of the performance. The ballet lasts about 70 minutes, during which time he is hardly ever off stage longer than he needs to recover his breath from one of the virtuoso solos which are sprinkled prodigally through his role.

As you would expect, they make much use of Baryshnikov's uncanny ability to soar into the air with no visible preparation. All those explosive jumps prove apt enough for expressing Hermann's accumulating ambition to make a big win at the tables. Especially impressive is the way the choreographer and dancer between them have managed to keep the smooth fluency which is one of his most unusual qualities while providing many sharp, abrupt accents to individual steps.

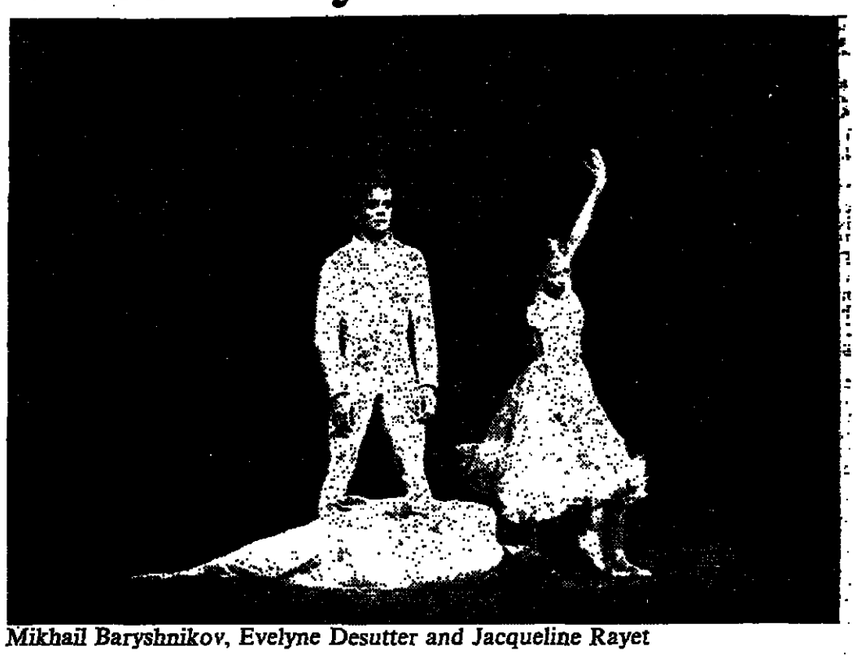
There is more to the role than virtuosity. The opening scene, for instance, has him appearing alone from the shadows at the back of the stage in brooding mood, his soliloquy based on small or slow movements, including many of those quirky foot movements which Petit has often used for comic effect, here turned to suggest the character's doubts and hesitations.

Another aspect of the role is the sunny charm of the duet in which Hermann courts Liza. This is an idyllic interlude, in which Evelyne Desutter's fresh manner provides an excellent foil to Baryshnikov's warmth. She has the face, too, for a queen of hearts, so that the episode catches a true ardour. Which, of course, is dramatically not the point at all.

The cynicism with which Hermann pursues Liza only as a means of access to the old countess can be seen only in retrospect from his later behaviour. Petit carefully plants all the seeds of the character, from a vain and aloof manner through a kind of playboy bearing, to his accidental killing of the old lady while trying to gain her secret of the cards. But they hardly begin to blossom, and I fear you would make little of the story without knowing it in advance.

There is another serious weakness, namely the portrait of the countess. The basic concept looks good, with her frail movements turning into a ghostly malice (like a latter-day Willi, perhaps) when she returns to haunt Hermann, first simply aggravating his disappointment, then providing the fateful false answer.

With a Fonteyn to play the role, or perhaps a Zizi Jeanmaire, it could become terrifying. There is no reason why a younger dancer of strong dramatic gifts should not pull it off, too. But Jacqueline Rayet does not find the key to the role: she lacks the weight, especially in arm movements, for the early scenes, and the personality for the later ones.



Mikhail Baryshnikov, Evelyne Desutter and Jacqueline Rayet

That is not really enough to justify the storm of booing that greeted Petit when he came on stage after the first performance. Still, Parisian audiences love their little scandals, and the patrons of the Théâtre des Champs-Elysées during the annual dance festivals have always been vocal about their likes and dislikes, which may seem to a visitor equally whimsical.

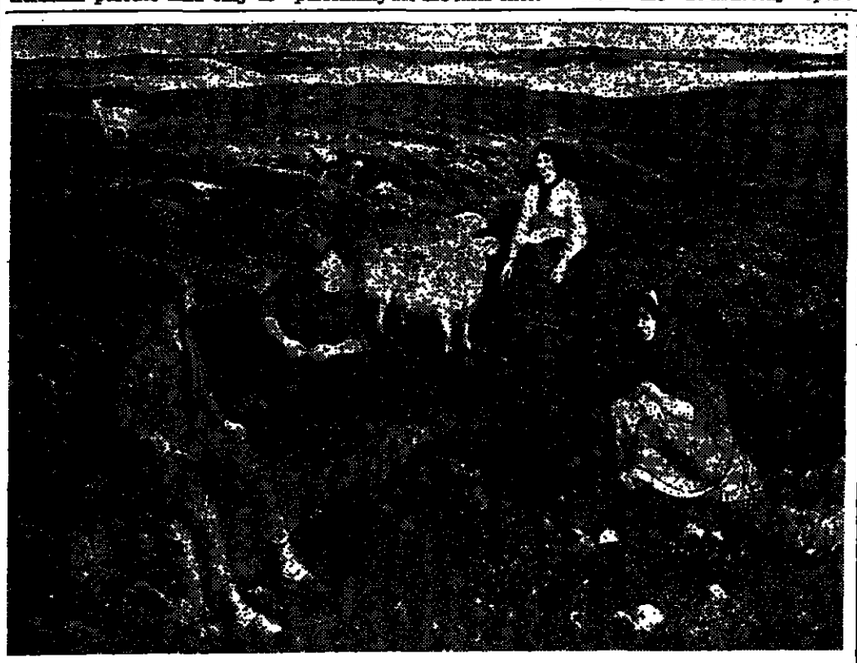
There might have been more point in expressing disapproval of the curtain-raiser which Petit had provided, a frivolous number to music from a perfectly serious Tchaikovsky trio. Like a desperate cook making a scratch meal, he seemed to have thrown a haphazard collection of left-overs into the pan, stirred hard and hoped for the best. Hoped in vain, as so often happens.

But *La Dame de Pique*, whatever its weaknesses, is something that has to be taken more seriously. The unidentified orchestra does not much help the music, but so far as one could judge, Laurent Petitgirard has made a competent job of reorchestrating music from the Tchaikovsky opera into an attractive and dramatic ballet score.

Perhaps André Beaurepaire's main backcloth, a fantasia on falling columns and playing cards, is a little too chic for the context, and the theme of Hermann's house of cards falling about his ears needs no such underlining. The scenes played in front of minimal settings (a screen, a mirror and a chair adequately suggest the countess's room) are more successful.

Petit's own Ballets de Marseille provide the busy background of gamblers and revellers, the white faces of the people around the card table fraught with anxiety. But there is not a lot for them to do: the focus throughout is on the three principals, and the justification of the ballet at present just one of them.

For all Baryshnikov's background, there is not a very Russian feeling to the work. This is Pushkin through French eyes, and it is a fantasy on a character rather than a fully composed drama. But it would be a cold-blooded creature who could sit without excitement through Baryshnikov's performance.



Breton Folk, by Rudolph Ihlee

Two who painted for themselves

Rudolph Ihlee
Belgrave Gallery
Maxwell Armfield
Fine Art Society

John Russell Taylor

It would have been so easy for Rudolph Ihlee to have lived an honoured Academician and died in 1968 a grand old man. In most respects he should have done; his is very much mainstream art, and could easily have been popular as well as critically respected. And yet he did not choose that way. Like other artists who have enough private means not actually to need to function well in the market place, he turned his back on the London art world after a spectacularly successful beginning—he was one of the most highly thought-of in a generation at the Slade which included also Spencer, Gertler, Nevinson, Wadsworth and Innes—and retired to Collioure in the south of France just to paint, by himself and largely for himself.

Though a few paintings still filtered through to London shows, he was virtually forgotten, and this new show, the first in London since 1926, is a real revelation. It shows Ihlee (pronounced Ee-lay) as an unmistakable product of his generation, but with his own individuality and, more important, his own strong talent. The early paintings are highly assured, in a manner somewhere between Augustus John and Henry Lamb: large, beautifully constructed, rather idealized scenes of rustic life like *Breton Folk* seem to have been the staple. Later in France, the kind of subject-matter remains the same, but the treatment is much less ideal: the country urchins of *Gossès* (represented by the final painting, an oil sketch and some wonderful studies) are finely, unsentimentally individualized. And as time goes on his treatment of landscape becomes bolder and more monumental, as in the *Red Landscape* of 1927, his colour stronger and more brilliant. One of the best paintings *in the show is My Window, Collioure*, of 1925, in which a Camden-Town sort of dryness and precision is married with an almost Fauve intensity of colour.

By the time Ihlee returned to Britain in 1940 his health was undermined and he continued to live and paint in semi-retirement, unregarded by most of his early admirers. Maxwell Armfield also had his *time in the limelight and his* periods of obscurity. Like Ihlee—in this at least—he seems to have been little affected by either. His is an obsessed art, hot in pursuit of private goals by private ways, let the public take it or leave it. He was a proselyte in one thing, though: he set systematically about encouraging other artists to use his favourite medium, tempera. The medium is indeed, in Armfield's case, an important part of the message: it seems to impose the pale colours, the reduction of the most intricate subject-matter to flat, decorative patterns, the curious remoteness which Armfield shares with the preceding enthusiast for tempera, the Birmingham artist Joseph Southall.

How, then, would one categorize Armfield? Well, one would not if one could possibly help it. Some of his elaborate symbolic compositions suggest Ricketts (and one painting in the present exhibition, *The Sphinx of Meru*, is actually noted by the artist as largely *inspired by Ricketts, which is* odd enough in itself for 1948); some of the flat decorative flower-pieces bring him momentarily close to Mackintosh's flower pieces which have just vacated the same gallery; a lot of the pictures seem to place him as a leading art deco artist, even though some of the most telling in this regard date from just before the First World War and indicate that if *so he went some way towards* inventing the deco style all by himself. The show presents us with, not surely a major artist, but at any rate a complete original, happily cultivating his own decorative garden, right up to his ninety-second year, while the world passed less happily by.

A rather naughty Naughty Marietta

The New York City Opera's autumn season presented three variegated new productions, none of which added up to an evening of complete satisfaction. The City Opera, already beleaguered financially, is forced to begin the season at the end of August, when ticket demand is lightest, in order to make its annual Los Angeles appearance before Christmas. This year, the company decided to open with an operetta that could be given an uninterrupted run for two weeks at the beginning of September (a decision, by the way, which paid off at the box office). In a tentative step towards the revival of important early American musical works, they chose Victor Herbert's once-famous *Naughty Marietta*.

Naughty Marietta contains some notable Herbert tunes (principally "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life") and the standard inane plot. City Opera refashioned the plot, to little better effect, added another Herbert song, monkeyed with the score so that "Sweet Mystery" was heard at the outset and throughout and became a sweet obviousness, and finally saddled the operetta with a hand-me-down, Broadwayized production of no distinction by Gerald Freedman.

Naughty Marietta, however, greatly benefited from having real voices, with acting abilities to match, onstage, in Gianna Rolandi's Marietta, Jacque Trussel's Captain Dick and Alan Titus's Grandet, in the striking comic performance of Rues Thacker, and in the unfailing lift provided by the chorus and orchestra. Given more imagination in handling, this venture into unexplored repertory could pay artistic as well as monetary dividends for the company.

The opera season's first new production was Giordano's *Andrea Chénier*, a curious choice in that the work is a singers' opera *par excellence*. There was effective singing from Ermanno Mauro (whose voice sounded much improved from last year) as Chénier and Marilyn Zschau as Maddalena, but producer Nathaniel Merrill's work was underrehearsed and a pale replica of his efforts at the Met, while Robert O'Hearn's minimal sets only accentuated the financial straits of the company.

The big event was a new production of Rossini's *Il Turco in Italia*, performed in a witty translation by Andrew Porter. The edition used (with some cuts) was the new one prepared for the Fondazione Rossini by Margaret Bent and Phillip Gossett. The opera is, at best, middle-drawer Rossini, and its sketchy plot, involving a visiting Turkish pasha and the time-honoured trio of young wife, old husband and young lover, wears very threadbare over three hours.

The whole was produced by Tito Capobianco in his usual over-busy way, incorporating four punchinellos who capered about and moved stage props, and was rather facelessly conducted by Julius Rudel, whose handling of Rossini's music showed none of the feeling he has for Lehár. The best performances of the evening were Alan Titus's Poet and Donald Gramm's Turk. The latter, though lacking a coloratura ability (who in that range has one these days?) seemed to stand aside from the goings-on and, with his superb deadpan humour and fine voice, brought the Turk to life. Beverly Sills's Fiorilla was transformed into a matron with a roving eye for a stage trick and a heavy-handed sense of the comic.

Patrick J. Smith

Two for the Seesaw

Gardner Centre, Brighton

Ned Chaillet

Two for the Seesaw aims for the heart and squeezes hard when it gets there. Like other Broadway plays of 20 years ago, it is not afraid of emotion, and the painful comedy that should lure audiences does more than redress the wounds of love. It offers a faith in the human capacity for loving, losing and yet loving again.

Paul Seed's production sensibly plays down the old image of Midwestern Protestant meeting a New York beatnik Jewess, though it leaves the woman, Gittel, as something less of a total contrast to the "wasp" wife that Jerry Ryan is meant to have left behind in Nebraska. His first timid approach on the telephone does not get the rough New York reception from Gittel that gives him reason to be confused, and John Woodvine is temporarily at a loss for the comic rhythm.

The comic lines are still there, though the production stints on comic readings. Laughter in the American voice is mainly a matter of rhythm, not accent, and Mr Woodvine seems hesitant about how to proceed. Jennie Stoller's skittishness is also off target for a while, depending too much on the high end of her lovely voice.

But when they come together after their duels on the telephone, and stop the sparring about the first seduction, they are both so beautifully on target, so emotionally connected, that the play becomes as moving as anything I have seen for a long time.

Their two flats, visible throughout, are like the two people, taking new life from the new personality. There is pain and caring, jealousy and petty betrayal when neither can confess their true feelings, but William Gibson's play shows magnificently how two people can grow together. Mr Woodvine and Miss Stoller wrench the heart

Made for the Bush

Veronica Quilligan is among the cast of *Loved*, a play by the American writer Olwen Wymark, which will receive its premiere at the Bush Theatre, London, this evening. It will be presented by the Wakefield Tricycle Company, which commissioned it, and after three weeks at the Bush it will go on tour in England and Scotland.

Others in the cast are Jill Dixon, Michael Johnson, Philip Lowrie, Priscilla Morgan and Sean Scanlan. The production is directed by Kenneth Chubb and designed by Andrea Montag.

Graham Titus

Purcell Room

Joan Chissell

As the *Todestag* grows nearer, there was more tribute to Schubert on Monday, this time a performance of *Die Winterreise* by the English baritone, Graham Titus, with Erik Levi as closely attuned, imaginative pianist.

This is a cycle more often sung by artists of maturer experience, so it was refreshing to hear it from someone probably no older than the rejected lover of Müller's poems. I still remember how deeply Mr Titus moved hardened jury members with his account of Schumann's *Dichterliebe* at the Leeds National Musicians' platform in 1974, and again on Monday his firm tone and line and sure sense of style were always at the service of an acutely responsive heart.

From the start there was no trace of self-pity. But frequently in earlier songs Mr Titus allowed his hurt to show in anger. Even in "Gute Nacht" there was a foretaste, and it surfaced undisguisedly in the course of "Die Wetterfahne" and much else that followed. Cold winter winds brought an outburst as dramatic as Fischer-Dieskau's in the middle of "Der Lindenbaum", and again in the final, passionate climax of "Auf dem Flusse" it was good to note what intensity Mr Titus could achieve without hardening his tone.

The wide compass of "Das Irrlicht" and the tricky semiquavers of "Rast" were successfully manipulated, but in "Frühlingstraum" (despite violently disturbed returns to reality) as also in "Rückblick" and even in "Die Post", perhaps Mr Titus had not quite the variety of tone colour, notably the lighter radiance,

The vision of kindly death in "Der Greise Kopf" was a real turning point, and thereafter Mr Titus travelled the road of no return. Perhaps marginally slower tempi would have heightened the strange desolation of "Das Wirtshaus" and "Die Nebensonnen". "Der Leiermann" was searingly simple.

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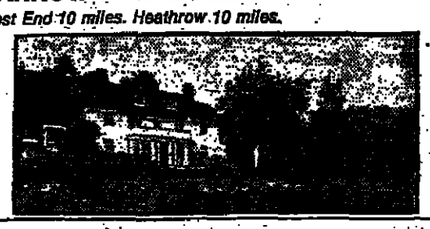
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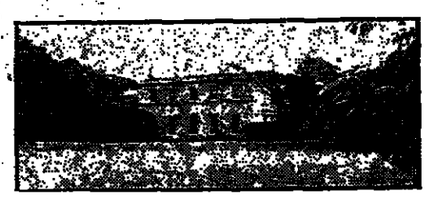
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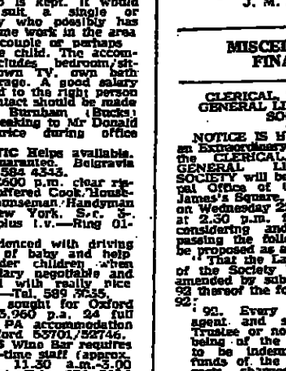
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Court of Appeal

What 'not reasonably practicable' means in unfair dismissal law

Wall's Meat Co Ltd v Khan

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Shaw and Lord Justice Brandon

The question whether "it was not reasonably practicable" for an employee's complaint of unfair dismissal "to be presented within the period of three months" of the termination of the employment so as to comply with paragraph 21(4) of Schedule 1 to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, is essentially a question of fact for the industrial tribunal which considers the complaint.

The Court of Appeal, in reserved judgments, dismissed an appeal by employers, the Wall's Meat Co Ltd, of Hyde, Cheshire, from the dismissal by the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Phillips, Mrs D. Ewing and Mr R. Thomas) on July 22, 1977, of their appeal from the decision of a Manchester industrial tribunal that it was not reasonably practicable for the employee, Mr Amanullah Khan, of Miles Platting, Manchester, to present his complaint that he had been unfairly dismissed under the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act to be made within three months of his dismissal on August 22, 1976, and that the complaint had been presented within a further period which they considered reasonable in the circumstances.

Paragraph 21 of Schedule 1 to the 1974 Act provides: "(4) An industrial tribunal shall not consider a complaint . . . unless it is presented to the tribunal before the end of the period of three months beginning with the effective date of termination or within such further period as the tribunal considers reasonable in a case where it is satisfied that it was not reasonably practicable for the complaint to be presented within the period of three months."

Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, and Mr Richard Field for the employers; Mr Alan Campbell, QC and Mr Andrew Hillier for Mr Khan.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr Khan, from Bangladesh, joined Walls in 1973 as a labourer. In 1975, after a fight in the toilet in which he said that he acted in self-defence, he hit his opponent so as to fetch blood. He was dismissed after an inquiry, at which a shop steward was present. His appeal was rejected by the personnel manager and the manager, and Mr Khan left on August 22, 1976.

Nine days later Mr Khan went to a Department of Employment office to get his unemployment benefit. He was told that he would not get it for six weeks but that the matter would go to a tribunal. Mr Khan thought that that referred to his dismissal.

His case could have gone to an insurance tribunal to deal with his claim for unemployment benefit; or to an industrial tribunal to deal with the claim for unfair dismissal. He did not know the difference between the two tribunals. He thought that there was just one tribunal which would deal with him.

On November 19, 1976 Mr Khan saw a notice at the labour exchange which told him that he must commence proceedings for unfair dismissal within three months of the dismissal, but he thought that there was only one tribunal and that his claim was already on the way. The three months from dismissal expired on November 22, 1976.

On December 9 the local tribunal under the National Insurance Acts found that Mr Khan was entitled to unemployment benefit and told him that they could not deal with his claim for unfair dismissal; and that he should consult a solicitor and put his case before an industrial tribunal.

Mr Khan started to look for a solicitor and, after going to a community centre, saw a firm of solicitors on January 4, 1977, after the long Christmas holiday.

On January 7 the solicitors sent off a claim for unfair dismissal.

The industrial tribunal held that Mr Khan was not barred by the time limit of three months, but could rely on the escape clause. When affirming that decision the Employment Appeal Tribunal invited the employers to appeal, Mr Justice Phillips indicating that an authoritative statement of the law might be useful.

At the time of *Dedman v British Building & Engineering Appliances Ltd* ([1974] 1 WLR 171) the time limit was one month, which was too short. Now it was three months (paragraph 21(4)) and there was less reason for granting an indulgence to a complainant. Notices exhibited in labour exchanges and elsewhere gave clear warning of the need for making a claim within three months.

His Lordship thought that industrial tribunals should be fairly strict in enforcing the time limit and inferred that Mr Justice Phillips, whose knowledge and experience of such matters were of the greatest value, thought so too. The interpretation given to the words "not practicable" in *Dedman's* case governed the present clause.

Cases where a man had been dismissed for stealing or some other criminal offence had given rise to difficulties. A man might be charged before the magistrates for stealing or another offence and might not make a claim for unfair dismissal for some time, perhaps not until after his acquittal. His Lordship would favour the view taken in *Norrage v Luton Industrial Cooperative Society* ([1976] ICR 442) as against the view in *Union Cartage Coal Co Ltd v Blunden* ([1977] ICR 420). The fact that there was an outstanding charge against a man was not an acceptable reason for saying that it was not "reasonably practicable" to present his claim within three months.

His Lordship suggested that the test was that given in *Dedman's* case (at p 177). It was to ask whether the man had just cause or excuse for not presenting his complaint within the permitted time. Ignorance of his rights or ignorance of the time limit was not just cause or excuse unless it appeared that he or his advisers could not reasonably have been expected to have been aware of them.

The present case was not one where Mr Khan was ignorant of his rights or of the time limit. He thought, quite naturally, that his claim was being processed before the appropriate tribunal. He continued in that state of mind until December 9, 1976, when he was told by the local insurance tribunal that he had to lodge a complaint before the industrial tribunal. That seemed to afford just cause or excuse.

So the tribunal had to go on and consider whether it was presented "within such further period as the tribunal considers reasonable". That was very much a matter for the industrial tribunal. His Lordship saw no error of law in the industrial tribunal and would dismiss the appeal.

His Lordship regretted the volume of case law which had accumulated about the time limit for unfair dismissal. Other statutes in which the courts were given a discretion to extend the time limit operated successfully without long argument on facts or on law. Some limit should be placed on the reporting of those cases, which turned very much on their own facts. If care was not taken industrial tribunals would be bent down under the weight of law books, or, what was worse, would be asleep under them. Let principles be reported, but not particular instances.

LORD JUSTICE SHAW, agreeing, said that the question which arose was: How and where should the demarcation line between what was reasonably practicable and what was not be determined and drawn? It was axiomatic that what was or was not reasonably practicable was in essence a question of fact to be resolved by ascertaining the facts and forming an opinion as to their effect, having regard to the ordinary experience of human affairs.

The test was empirical and involved no legal concept. Common sense was the keynote. The proper forum to decide such questions was the industrial tribunal. Its decision should prevail unless it was plainly perverse or oppressive. An appeal to the Employment Appeal Tribunal lay only on questions of law.

His Lordship would approach the task of giving guidance over apparent or superficial differences of opinion in the cases with diffidence. It was rather like being asked to teach one's grandmother how to suck eggs. Did the dismissed employee know or believe that he had a claim which could presently be pursued? Practicability was to be determined by reference to actuality. The resolution of the question what was "reasonably practicable" did not depend on legal refinements. It must be the product of the ad hoc good sense of an industrial tribunal rather than the exposition of legal principles.

LORD JUSTICE BRANDON also agreeing, said that the industrial tribunal, having found that Mr Khan only appreciated the situation for the first time on December 9, 1976, was entitled as a matter of law to decide that it was not reasonably practicable for the complaint to have been presented by November 22, 1976. The reasonableness of the further period taken to present the complaint was essentially a question of fact for the industrial tribunal.

The case was an example of a mistaken belief by an employee reasonably held, which prevented or inhibited him from presenting his complaint within the three months' period.

His Lordship examined six reported cases which had been cited and concluded that matters arising under paragraph 21(4) were primarily matters of fact for the decision of the industrial tribunal trying the particular case. Appeals on such questions were, in general undesirable and to be discouraged.

The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Stanleys & Simpson, North for March, Pearson, Skelton, Manchester; Leal, Almond & Parkinson, Manchester.

Rules of practice

In re Miller

In an application for extradition under section 7 of the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1967, a magistrate was entitled to admit depositions from the requesting country, even though they had been made by witnesses who had refreshed their memories by referring to statements made four to eight weeks after the alleged offences—a period of time which would infringe the United Kingdom requirements of contemporaneity. The Divisional Court held that a distinction was to be drawn between evidentiary rules of law and practice and that the magistrate was only concerned to see that English rules of law were complied with.

The court dismissed an application for habeas corpus by Roger Paul Miller, who was committed to prison on February 20 by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, pursuant to an application by the Australian Government for his extradition to face charges of obtaining money by deception in Australia.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that if a United Kingdom stipendiary magistrate failed to observe the United Kingdom rules of practice, that would not invalidate an extradition order. He was obliged to follow the rules of the United Kingdom as to substance only and not as to practice. *In re Kirby* (unreported, June 2, 1976). The rules connected with refreshing one's memory were no more than rules of practice, which did not have to be followed in such proceedings. The depositions were therefore correctly admitted.

Mr Justice Wien delivered a concurring judgment, and Mr Justice Smith agreed with both judgments.

Time limit to be applied strictly

Hem v Sykes and Sons (Shipley) Ltd

In future the 42-day time limit for appealing from an industrial tribunal would be strictly enforced, otherwise the whole system of appeals would break down, Mr Justice Kilner Brown said in the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

HIS LORDSHIP said that there was a need for speedy final decisions in employment cases. Out of the 25,000-30,000 cases heard annually by industrial tribunals only about 1,750 came to the Appeal Tribunal. Of those fewer than 10 per cent were reversed. That was a remarkable testimony to the accuracy and fairness of industrial tribunals. It was important to remember that the Appeal Tribunal were not allowed to look at evidence afresh or to assess the relative value of witnesses that was a matter for the industrial tribunal alone.

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SPORT

Football

Irish shorn of the strength to test England's defensive problems

From Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
Dublin, Oct 24

For the first time in 11 matches since Don Revie resigned in July 1977, and only the second time in four years, England will field an *unchanged side when they meet* the Republic of Ireland in a European championship match at Lansdowne Road here tomorrow (kick-off 3.0). Ron Greenwood, the *manager, probably had as many* reasons to make changes this week than at any other time in his period in charge but preferred to ignore the indifferent club form of several *players* in order to maintain continuity.

Announcing the side today, he said there was no doubt in his mind as soon as Barnes, the Manchester City winger, Wilkins of Chelsea, and Mills (Ipswich Town) were passed fit to play. He was not tempted to drop anyone and, indeed, said that he expected that those players suffering lapses of form would approach this international game with greater zest. The notable doubt in the minds of all, it seems, but Mr Greenwood himself, was Hughes, whom he confirmed both as a member of the team and captain.

Hughes has been unable to regain his place in the Liverpool side since dropping out with a knee injury that is not expected to be curable, but Mr Greenwood said: "He has not suffered any loss of ability. Just because Liverpool are playing well and he cannot get back into the side does not mean to say he is not a good player".

He pointed out that when he chose Keegan to play against West Germany in February the player *had not had a match* for eight weeks. Keegan's performance in that game was the beginning of his era as a "great" player, Mr Greenwood suggested.

In view of the fact that the Republic of Ireland team have suffered crucial blows through injuries it could be argued that Mr Greenwood should have begun to experiment in this game but one must remember that even if he has formed a settled group of players, this is the first time he has chosen a completely unchanged team, which has been his ambition from the beginning of his term as manager. A settled party is essential for good spirit and even if Mr Greenwood is persuaded to restructure the team, especially in defence, against Czechoslovakia in a non-competitive match next month, those players dropped will almost certainly remain in the established party.

Ironically, England's last performance, a 4—3 win against Denmark in Copenhagen, was one of their least impressive under Mr Greenwood, being full of defensive errors. He described it as a "gala" match in which lack of discipline in defence produced delightful entertainment by default. It is a pity that the Republic of Ireland will not be at full strength to confirm whether the errors were in fact lapses caused by players being caught up in the excitement of a festive match or another sign that the present *defence is inadequate.*

The game has lost much of its potential competitive backbone by injuries that will deprive the Republic of Ireland of Heighway, whose speed and control on the wing would have been an interesting test, and the player-manager, Giles, whose wily, strong midfield play will be missed. Grealish, of Orient replaces Giles alongside Brady, whose performance will be crucial, and Daly. Mr Giles is able to include O'Leary, the Arsenal central defender, who has recovered from an injury, but surprisingly he has decided not to play, Stapleton, the Arsenal forward preferring Givens, perhaps indicating that he wants to challenge England on the ground. Mr Greenwood's prediction that the Irish would be "full of goals" was not exactly retracted after hearing this news but became less easy to support. The Irish know that only having drawn two previous European championship matches, against Denmark and Northern Ireland, they need to win to have any chance of qualifying for the final stages in 1980.

Mulligan, the Irish captain, whom, like Hughes, has been playing reserve team football, said that England had virtually the same players now as they did when the Irish drew 1—1 at Wembley in September 1976 and he added: "I do not think they will underestimate us this time." In fact after that poor performance by England the changes in *the team, rather than the party,* became evermore complicated under Don Revie's management—a phase that, thankfully, has now disappeared.

If Brady can play to the best of his considerable ability in midfield and Lawrenson goes some way towards holding Keegan, the Irish could conceivably achieve another draw, although England appear to be the much stronger side. As Mr Greenwood said, the players who are thought to be out of club form will be playing for their international reputations; *significantly*, he preferred not to say "places".



Hughes: captains England despite probably an incurable injury.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: M. Kearns (Walsall); F. Mulligan (West Bromwich Albion), D. O'Leary (Arsenal), M. Lawrenson (Brighton and Hove Albion), J. Holmes (Tottenham Hotspur), C. Daly (Derby County), A. Grealish (Orient), L. Brady (Arsenal), F. McGee (Queen's Park Rangers), D. Givens (Birmingham City), G. Ryan (Brighton and Hove Albion). Substitutes to be announced.

ENGLAND: R. Clemence (Liverpool); *P. Neal (Liverpool)*, D. Watson (Manchester City), E. Hughes (Liverpool), M. Mills (Ipswich Town), R. Wilkins (Chelsea), K. Keegan (SV Hamburg), S. Coppell (Manchester United), R. Latchford (Everton), T. Brooking (West Ham United), P. Barnes (Manchester City). Substitutes: P. Shilton (Nottingham Forest), T. Cherry (Leeds United), Thompson (Liverpool), P. Kennedy (Liverpool), A. Woodcock (Nottingham Forest).

Group one

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	4	3	2
Rep of Ireland	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Denmark	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Bulgaria	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
N Ireland	1	0	1	0	2	2	1

Stein leaves his heart back in England

By Gerald Sinstadt

Although Jock Stein spent only *44 days with Leeds United before* returning north of the border, he seems to have left his heart in England. The first team he has chosen since becoming manager of Scotland this month comes entirely from the Football League, a decision apparently without precedent.

In last month's 3—2 defeat by Austria, the combination of Jordan and Andy Gray was not a success and, in the second half, Jordan was replaced by Graham. Now Graham keeps his place against Norway tonight at Hampden Park while Jordan, with only two goals in his last 15 internationals, takes over the substitute's role.

There are two more changes from the side beaten in Vienna. Frank Gray will be at left back in place of Stuart Kennedy, who has a thigh strain. Stewart is preferred to Rough in goal. Gray's only previous game for Scotland was against Switzerland two and a half years ago, and Stewart's international experience is limited to half a match in Santiago.

After three setbacks of recent months it is important for Scotland to make a good start under Mr Stein, who has long been the country's outstanding leader. Norway, in spite of their 1—1 draw in Belgium, should meet the needs of the occasion ideally.

TEAM: J. Stewart (Middlesbrough); W. Donachie (Manchester City), F. Gray (Leeds United), G. Souness (Liverpool), G. Queen (Manchester United), K. Dalglish (Liverpool), A. Rough (Partick Thistle), T. Forsyth (Rangers), P. Hegarty (Dundee United), J. Jordan (Manchester United), I. Wallace (Coventry City).

NORWAY (from): T. R. Jacobsen; T. Pedersen, T. Kordahl, S. Bjelkevik, S. Grondalen, E. Aas, T. Johansen, T. Jacobsen, H. Thoresen, A. Laksen, O. Svein. M. Mathisen.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Belgium	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Portugal	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Norway	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Scotland	1	0	0	1	2	3	0

Wales also have one of the smaller fish from the European pool as their opponents at Wrexham. For the match against Malta, Michael Smith, Wales's manager, has chosen two forwards from the Third Division. James, of Swansea City makes his first appearance, and Edwards, of Chester, has played once previously, but only as a substitute in Kuwait.

These two players have scored 24 goals between them", Mr Smith said, "and that is good enough for me." It will almost certainly be too good for the Maltese, who have come to regard an away defeat by five goals or less as a notable achievement.

Two Welsh players who had been doubtful because of injury, Davies and Cartwright, passed witness tests yesterday.

D. Davies (Wrexham), B. Stevenson (Leeds), J. Jones (Wrexham), L. Phillips (Aston Villa), captain, M. Page (Birmingham), M. Thomas (Wrexham), C. Harris, F. Flynn (Leeds United), T. Edwards (Chester), R. James (Swansea), L. Cartwright (Wrexham).

Substitutes: G. Letheren (Chesterfield), P. Dwyer (Cardiff), J. Mahoney (Middlesbrough), D. Nardiello (Coventry City), P. O'Sullivan (Brighton).

MALTA: R. Cini: C. Cassar, E. Farrugia, G. Xuereb, C. Seychell, O. Leach, M. Schembri, J. Holland, R. Agvdane, S. Cortell, R. Xuereb.

This will be the opening match in group seven, which also includes West Germany and Turkey.

Denmark have already played three home games in group one and, with only two points, know that they must attack Northern Ireland in Belfast.

The position of Kurt Nielsen, Denmark's manager, is not made more comfortable by the knowledge that his contract expires after this match; nor by the absence of seven regular players, either because they are injured or have not been released by their clubs. However, Henning Jensen, of Real Madrid, is available.

Northern Ireland make two changes from the side that drew with the Republic of Ireland. Sammy Morgan, who has found fresh inspiration with Sparta Rotterdam, is recalled after two years to form an attacking partnership with Armstrong. Cochrane finds that a transfer from Burnley of the Second Division, to Middlesbrough, of the First Division, has enhanced his international standing. After five appearances as substitute he gets his first chance in the starting line-up.

NORTHERN IRELAND: P. Jennings (Arsenal); P. Rice (Arsenal), A. Hunter (Ipswich Town), J. Nicholl (Manchester United), S. Nelson (Arsenal), D. McCreery (Manchester United), S. McIlroy (Manchester United), M. O'Neill (Nottingham Forest), G. Armstrong (Tottenham Hotspur), S. Morgan (Sparta Rotterdam), T. Cochrane (Middlesbrough). Substitutes: J. Platt (Middlesbrough), B. Hamilton (Millwall), C. Nicholl (Southampton), J. Spence (Blackpool), T. Anderson (Peterborough United).

Today's football fixtures

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Northern Ireland v Denmark (Windsor Park, Belfast, 3.0); Republic of Ireland v England (Lansdowne Road, Dublin, 3.0); Scotland v Norway (Hampden Park, Glasgow, 8.0); Wales v Malta (*Racecourse Ground, Wrexham*, 7.30).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Second round replay: Yeovil v Dorchester (7.30).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Kettering v Cheltenham (7.30); Weymouth v Redditch (7.30). First *division north: Alvechurch* v Bromsgrove (7.30).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Boston United v Matlock (7.30).

FA CUP: Third qualifying round replays: Edgware v Leyton-Wingate; Waterlooville v Worthing.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hertford Town v Harwich and Parkeston.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Southern Amateur League v Oxford University (at Roehampton, 2.45); London University v Old Boys League XI (at Motspur Park, 2.45).

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TOUR MATCH: West Wales v New Zealanders (Swansea, 2.30).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: East Midlands v North Lines and Derbyshire (Northampton, 7.15); Warwickshire v North Midlands (Coventry, 7.15).

CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend v Cardiff (7.15); Cambridge v Rosslyn Park (2.45); *Ebbw Vale* v Penarth (7.0); Gloucester v South Wales Police (7.0); Leicester v Oxford University (7.15); Pontypool v Cardiff College of Education (7.0).

OTHER MATCHES: RM Deal v University of Kent (2.30); University of Surrey v Reading University (2.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE: Tour match: Widnes v Australians (7.30).

HOCKEY: Representative match: Cambridge University v Essex (at Fenners, 2.30).

Rugby Union

All Blacks see Swansea match as 'fifth international' of tour

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Jack Gleeson, coach of the All-Blacks, said yesterday that they regarded the fixture against West Wales at Swansea this afternoon as one of the hardest of their tour and were therefore treating it as "a fifth Test". It is a fair assumption that they will not meet sterner opposition, outside of the four international matches, throughout the rest of their tour and there are some shrewd judges who believe that if they succeed today they may well remain unbeaten.

On the evidence of two matches I am not prepared to stick my neck on the block quite to that extent, though I am positive that, as always, they will be an extremely hard side to beat. Nor, in my old-fashioned way, do I worry too much about the scores in their last match, against the Barbarians, in mid-December when the quality of the play surely should be more important than the result and when, one hopes, the Barbarians will enter into the spirit of the thing with more flexibility than they revealed against the last All Blacks in 1974.

The present side already have problems at lock forward because Oliver, one of their leading pair in this position, has failed to pass a fitness test on a niggling hamstring, and one of the new brigade, Loveday, has suffered a recurrence of an old back injury. This means that a second uncapped player, *Fleming*, who had his first game here against Cambridge University, will play alongside Haden this afternoon against the established Welsh combination of Wheel and Martin. The All Blacks also have a doubt about the fitness of Jaffray, who has had a heavy cold. Taylor is standing by, if need be, to take his place in the centre.

West Wales look to carry heavy artillery in all key positions, save possibly the front row, where Richardson, the Aberavon loose-head prop who replaced the injured *Graham Price* in the second international against Australia, will be bent on pressing his claims for another cap. Quinnell, in strong contention for the captaincy of his country, leads the home side at number eight. He is flanked by the dashing Trevor Evans and by another Swansea player, Roberts, a relative newcomer who is most highly regarded in those knowledgeable parts.



Clive Shell: one of the most astute scrum halves in Wales.

There is no more astute or technically more accomplished scrum-half in the principality than Shell and there is a theory that Wales, in resolving the succession to Gareth Edwards, might do well to choose him rather than one of the more apparent their presumptives, Holmes or Brynmor Williams. Holmes made some mistakes for Cardiff against the All Blacks and did not exude an aura of calm. But he was almost always under the hottest pressure and his work-rate was exemplary.

Five of today's Welsh backs have played for Wales, and Elgan Rees, a British Lion in New Zealand, must be close to a cap on the right wing. There is no shortage of pace, strength or skill behind the scrummage and, if the forwards can do their stuff, who knows what the outcome might be? A touring side must remain somewhat vulnerable at so early a stage, but my hunch is that the All Blacks will prevail, if not by much.

WEST WALES: R. Blyth (Swansea); E. H. Rees (Neath), R. W. R. Gravell (Llanelli), T. Bevians (Llanelli), J. J. Williams (Llanelli), *D. Richards* (Swansea), C. Shell (Aberavon); J. Richardson (Aberavon), J. Herdman (Swansea), P. Llewellyn (Swansea), A. J. Martin (Aberavon), G. A. D. Wheel (Swansea), G. Roberts (Swansea), D. L. Quinnell (Llanelli, captain), T. P. Evans (Swansea).

NEW ZEALAND: B. J. McKechnie; B. G. Williams, W. M. Osborne, J. L. Jaffray, S. S. Wilson; D. D. Bruce, J. W. Donaldson; B. R. Johnstone, J. F. Black, G. Knight, J. Fleming, A. M. Haden, G. N. Mourie (captain), G. C. Seear, W. G. Graham.

Referee: A. Welsby (England).

Knee injury could force Fidler into retirement

John Fidler, the Gloucester and England B lock, may have to give up rugby after damaging knee ligaments for the second time this season. Fidler, a policeman, is in Cheltenham Hospital after his second injury on Friday, against Newport, in his first match since damaging his knee in pre-season training. He said yesterday he would be out of rugby for the rest of this season and was considering giving up for good.

Peter Rawle, of Harlequins will make his first appearance at scrum half for the county champions, North Midlands, against Warwickshire at Coventry tonight. Rawle, who qualifies by birth for North Midlands, helped Moseley out two years ago when they ran out of scrum halves. He is an emergency *replacement for Peter Bullock*, who was injured in the opening game against Staffordshire and is unlikely to play again this season.

Rawle teams up with Cusworth *at halfback and his inclusion is* one of a number of changes from the side which beat Staffordshire. Clive Perry was injured in training on Sunday and is replaced on *a wing by Cureton. Mumford, who* missed the Staffordshire game through injury, returns in the centre in place of Watson-Jones.

In the forwards, the Birmingham captain Fourness, comes in as hooker. Nurr, who was under suspension for the Staffordshire game, returns at number eight; Ryder switches to the flank for Clarke.

Dorset and Wilts make one change for their last southern group match against the group leaders, Oxfordshire, at Oxford today. Simon Perry is recalled on the right wing.

Devon make three changes from the side beaten by Gloucestershire at Exeter for Saturday's Match against Cornwall at Camborne (2.45) in the South West group of the county championship.

Patching, a former Kent flanker who is at Exeter University, is picked for the first time. The other changes involve the return of John Lockyer, the Exeter hooker, after injury, and Simon Day, an Exeter back row forward. Day has been off the county scene since 1975 and his inclusion means Exeter have eight players in the team.

Lancashire retain the side that beat Yorkshire, 19-9, last Saturday for this week's county championship match against Cheshire at Sale. But East Midlands are not so fortunate.

Surprise defeat for Pumas by Italians

Italy 19 Argentina 6

Venice, Oct 24.—Argentina, straight from their highly successful tour of Britain, slumped to a surprise 19-6 defeat at the hands of Italy here today.

The Pumas dominated much of the game, but fell behind 13-3 by half-time, mainly due to the poor form of their back division.

The Italians, roared on by a 15,000 crowd at the Rovigo Stadium, went on to increase their lead in the second half and ensured a famous victory.

The Italian side were coached, *for the first time*, by Pierre Villepreux, who gained 34 caps for France at full back between 1967 and 1972.—Agence France-Presse.

Kennedy plays for Irish

Ken Kennedy, a former Ireland hooker, plays his first game for London Irish this season against Malone on Saturday in place of Berringer, who is required by his province. *So is Alastair McKibbin*, whose replacement in the centre is his brother, Roger.

Richmond introduce a new hooker, Martindale, against Cambridge University after six defeats in a row. Rollit returns at number eight.

Birmingham pay £200,000 for Walsall striker

Alan Buckley, the Walsall striker, yesterday signed for Birmingham City for £200,000. Of that fee, £30,000 goes to his previous club, Nottingham Forest, under an agreement reached when he was sold to the third division side five years ago.

Birmingham nipped in to beat Luton Town, who had made a £175,000 offer for Buckley. The 27-year-old striker has scored 148 goals in just over five seasons for Walsall and is again their leading scorer this season with eight goals.

Buckley yesterday turned down a move to Plymouth Argyle and Derby County had also shown interest in him.

The Birmingham manager, Jim Smith said: "I am delighted to *have Alan in the side. He is there* to get goals. He has always done it and I'm sure he will continue to get them."

Birmingham, bottom of the first division and without a league win this season, have been short of goal power because of injuries to their strikers, Trevor Francis and Keith Birtschin.

Coventry City are battling against injuries. Four first team men are receiving treatment and *they are doubtful for Saturday's* home game with Birmingham City.

Lloyd decides to stay with Forest

The Nottingham Forest defender, Larry Lloyd, has withdrawn his transfer request. After another meeting with the Forest assistant manager, Peter Taylor, today, Lloyd decided to stay with the club. Mr Taylor said that Lloyd had withdrawn his transfer request, pending further discussion regarding the disciplinary measures imposed by the management.

Peter Madden, manager of Darlington, has resigned. He offered his resignation at the end of an emergency board meeting *on Monday night and it was* accepted.

Bournemouth in argument over transfer fee

Fourth division club Bournemouth took on Manchester United of the first division in the court-room yesterday. In a high court hearing at Winchester, Bournemouth claimed the Manchester club owed £25,000 balance on a transfer deal which sent their former centre forward Ted MacDougall to United in 1972.

United paid £175,000 for MacDougall, described by the Bournemouth chairman, Mr Harold Walker, as "a *genius in football* terms". A further £25,000 was to be paid when MacDougall, now with Southampton, had scored 20 goals.

Mr William Crowther, counsel for the Bournemouth club, said Mr Frank O'Farrell was dismissed as United manager on December 19, 1972—about 10 weeks after completing the deal. Mr Tommy Docherty took over as manager, he said, and "made is plain that MacDougall did not form part of *his long-term plans for the club*". MacDougall agreed to a transfer after an approach from West Ham "because Mr Docherty had made his life so uncomfortable". He was transferred for £153,000.

Mr Crowther said United did not consider themselves liable to pay the balance because they claimed MacDougall had made it clear he wanted a transfer *before he had scored 20 goals for* the club.

Cricket



The England party line-up at Lord's yesterday before their departure for Australia.

England burdened by favouritism

As England's cricketers prepared to fly to Australia yesterday, the manager, Doug Insole, spoke of the problems of being favourites. The party of 16 was at Lord's to be kitted out with playing equipment, blazers and, for the first time, jeans.

"We are going out as favourites and I'm not too pleased about that because it will put far more pressure on us than necessary", Mr Insole said. "But we feel we have a very good side and we will be keen to play attractive cricket—that is almost as important as winning. We are very successful, extremely competitive with batsmen who can put bat to ball and we have a significant fielding side. With World Series Cricket taking most of Australia's best players at once, they are difficult to assess now."

Mr Insole said that Australia's bowling was an unknown quantity but he believed that four of their batsmen—Wood, Toohey, Rixon and Yallop—would probably have got into any Australian side.

Michael Brearley, the England captain, does not underrate Australia. "They always seem to have that disconcerting habit of finding players who are very young and very good. We will be keeping our eyes open in the early state matches to assess the strengths. My aim is to play as purposefully as possible, especially if we cannot get on top with our batting and bowling. We've got a well-balanced side, the spirit is good, and I'm certainly very hopeful we can retain the ashes."

Brearley intends to remain down the batting order "at number five or thereabouts" to allow Boycott and Gooch to continue their successful opening partnership. He feels that Boycott will benefit from being away from *England after rifts troubles with* Yorkshire.

Ken Barrington, the assistant manager who has experience of two Australian tours as a player, warned that, on Australian *wickets, their batsmen would be* very hard to get out.

Ian Botham, the Somerset all rounder, looked ready for anything but a gruelling Australian tour when he posed for photographers with his left arm in a sling—the result of an accident over the weekend when he gashed his wrist. "The whole thing has been exaggerated", he said. "The stitches will be out in ten days and I should be playing again between 15 and 21 days. If I wasn't fit, would they be taking me to *Australia?*"

Botham, who has already played grade cricket with Melbourne University, added: "I like the Australian attitude. They play hard and there is no such thing as a weak Australian side. But we are now a major force against any of the cricketing nations—we've proved that over the last 18 months."

Full itinerary of Australian tour

November
1: South Australia Country (Renmark).
3-6: South Australia (Adelaide).
8: Victoria Country (Leongatha).
10-13: Victoria (Melbourne).
15: New South Wales Country (Canberra).
17-20: New South Wales (Sydney).
22: Queensland Country (Bundaberg).
24-27: Queensland (Brisbane).

December
1-6: First Test (Brisbane).
9-12: Western Australia (Perth).
22-24: South Australia (Adelaide).
15-20: Second Test (Perth).
22-24: South Australia (Adelaide).
26: One day International (Melbourne).

January
December 29-January 3: Third Test (Melbourne).
6-11: Fourth Test (Sydney).
13: One day International (Sydney).
14-18: Northern New South Wales Country (Newcastle).
18: Tasmania (Launceston).
19-21: Tasmania (Hobart).
24: One day International (Melbourne).
27-31: Fifth Test (Adelaide).

February
3: Gillette Cup Winners (Melbourne).
4-8: Geelong and Districts.
10-16: Sixth Test (Sydney).

Indians facing defeat by Young Pakistan

Multan, Pakistan, Oct 24.—Amin Lakhani performed the hat-trick as the Young Pakistan XI pushed the Indian cricketers into danger of defeat on the second day of their three-day match here today.

Lakhani, a 20-year-old university student from *Karachi, dismissed* Ghavri and Venkataraghavan with the last two balls of one over and Reddy with the first ball of the next on the way to taking six Indian first innings wickets for 58 runs.

Lakhani's fellow spinner, Ejaz Fakih, took four for 65 and the Indians slumped to 149 all out, seven runs behind the Young Pakistanis' total of 156. The home team, made up of eight university players and three Test cricketers, increased their lead to 188 by scoring 181 for nine in their second innings by close of play.

Batsmen had to fight for runs today on a pitch which produced uneven bounce. The Indians could find it a tough task tomorrow to score the highest total of the match for victory or hold off the ebullient young Pakistani attack for a draw.

Having surprised the Indians with the ball, Lakhani played an important role with the bat for the Young Pakistanis by scoring 21 not out at number 10 in the second innings. He and Ashraf Ali, who made the top score of 51, put on 72 for the ninth wicket after eight men had gone for 108.

Ali, the wicket keeper who was also top scorer in the first innings with 39, lashed a six and five fours today.

SCORES: Young Pakistan XI 156 (A. S. Bedi 4 for 47) and 181 for 9 (A. Ali 51, H. Rashid 45); Indians 149 (Lakhani 6 for 58, Fakih 4 for 65).—Reuter.

Thomson is being dragged into series, QC says

Sydney, Oct 24.—The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) were seeking a court order to drag Jeffrey Thomson on to the ground to play in the forthcoming Ashes series against England, a barrister representing Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket (WSC) Organization told a court here today. Tom Hughes, QC, told the equity court that the ACB had adopted a system of contract "solely to protect itself from competition from WSC, under which an attempt is made to monopolize the services, for two seasons, of the players who sign up".

Cycling

Leaders caught as six-day race nears end

Frankfurt, Oct 24.—Braun and *Peffgen, of West Germany*, caught up with Sercu and Thurau, of Belgium and West Germany, on the last day of the Frankfurt six-day cycling race today.

Despite losing their lap lead, Sercu and Thurau raised their points total with two wins in special events. They won a time trial over 1,923 metres in a record time to the track, two minutes 6.06 seconds and Thurau won a motorcycle-paced event.

Points will be decisive if teams are tied when the race ends.

STANDINGS (after five nights): 1, Thurau/Sercu (West Germany-Belgium), 277 points; 2, Braun/Peffgen (West Germany), 237; One lap behind: 3, U. Kemper/H. Schuetz (West Germany), 282; 4, R. Pijnen/A. Fritz (Netherlands-West Germany), 45; Three laps behind: 5, G. Frank/N. Professors (Denmark), 193; 6, R. Savary/R. Hermann (Switzerland-Liechtenstein), 158; 7, D. Clark/G. Schumacher (Australia-West Germany), 90.—Reuter.

Miss Barker better

Susan Barker, who retired with an injured leg in the first round of the BMW women's international tennis tournament at Brighton last week, has recovered and joined in general training at Queen's Club yesterday in readiness for the Wightman Cup match against the United States at the Royal Albert Hall from November 2 to 4.

Boxing

ROTTERDAM: International amateur tournament: Finals: Light-fly: J. Dawson (England) beat K. Jensen (Denmark), on points. Fly: D. Rado (Romania) beat M. Russell (Ireland), on points. Bantam: F. McGuigan (Ireland) beat R. Jones (Wales), on points. Feather: R. Gentzyl (Poland) beat D. George (Wales), on points. Light: J. Sichula (Zambia) beat V. Konecny (Czechoslovakia), referee stopped contest in third round. Light-welter: M. D. Boumbadjan (France) beat E. Ruigenvoort (Netherlands), on points. Welter: M. Pavlov (Czechoslovakia) beat A. Mann (Scotland), on points. Light-middle: H. Graham (England) beat D. Skaro (Yugoslavia), on points. Middle: A. Blanchard (Netherlands) beat M. Gilleron (Switzerland), on points. Light-heavy: P. Hoika (Hungary) beat M. Madsen (Denmark), on points. Heavy: I. Leval (Hungary) beat S. Henningsen (Denmark), on points.—Reuter.

Rugby League

Hogan put on list at his own request

Barrow have put Phil Hogan, their international loose forward, on the transfer list at his own request. No fee has been revealed for Hogan who said he was unhappy at Barrow and felt he could further his career if he moved. Barrow have notified Bradford Northern, Wigan and Widnes, three clubs who have shown interest and made inquiries about the player in recent weeks.

Hogan, aged 23, was substitute for Britain in Saturday's international match against Australia. He was a big success on the World Cup tour to Australia and New Zealand 18 months ago and, when he made a transfer request seven months ago, that was rejected by Barrow. Then he was persuaded to settle his differences but no such moves are intended this time.

Racing

A notable double for Dunlop and Muddle

The partnership of the seven-year-old mare, Galadriel, and Kevin Darley, a crack apprentice, has proved a successful blend of maturity and youth this season. On the three occasions they have teamed up, it has spelt victory, their latest achievement being to capture the Stewards' Handicap at Leicester yesterday.

"*Galadriel seems* to improve with age, and I am hoping to keep her in training next year," the Chichester trainer, Derek Kent, said. Kent has won four races with the mare since he took her over in the spring. With the lead having alternated between Can Run and Another Chapter, Darley brought Galadriel priced at 8-1, sailing along in the final furlong to win by two lengths, and record his sixty-ninth success this year.

By the end of the season, in two and a half weeks' time, Darley could lose his allowance, for he now needs only five more winners. This winter he will be riding in Kenya—his prize for winning the Crown Pos Two Apprentice Championship. The Arundel trainer, John Dunlop, with 67 winners in this country to his credit this year, brought off a 53-1 double with Almagest and Lohengrin both partnered by Richard Muddle, whose career has looked up since he joined Dunlop's stable this season.

Almagest beat Rainspell two lengths in the Widmerpool Stakes, *in which the pair* came home clear of their rivals, while Lohengrin came to snatch victory by half a length from Old Knocker in the Soar Maiden Stakes, after it had *looked as though* Ray Laing's colt had the race in his keeping, having mastered the favourite, Anthony James, inside the last furlong.

Another success story, this time for Joe Mercer, continued in the Wreak Claiming Stakes, when the stylish jockey brought his score in his best season to 111 with an easy win on the 5—4 favourite, Hottie Birbeck. It was after this race that Robert Cade, the apprentice who finished down the field on Hopeful Hylda, was cautioned by the stewards for excessive use of the whip.

Hottie Birbeck is in the charge of the Lambourn handler, Paul Cole, who has found Leicester a lucky course. Five of his 53 winners, including one in France, this season, have been on the Midlands track, and his stable staff look assured of the colour television which is to be awarded to the most successful trainer at Leicester during 1978. Henry Ponsonby has Hottie Birbeck syndicated, the filly being the eighth winner from his 10 syndicated horses.

The only other winning favourite of the afternoon was the Bill Elsey-trained Mantle, on whom apprentice Walter Wharton put up 3lb overweight. The grey made virtually all the running to hold off Best of Luck, with King Rama filling the other minor position. Doughty, who has been with Taffy Salaman at Lambourn for about a month, provided the Ascot owners Brian Fincham and Christopher Purssey with their first winer when he landed the Whissendine Selling Handicap.

Northern horses filled the first three places in the Cub Hunters Stakes—a National Hunt Flat race. For Mr Colin Platts, who drove home Clever Aveen, a half length winner from Collemore, it was his twenty-sixth success, but for the part-owner Edwin Pringle, it was his first taste of victory.

Brian Lunness, the trainer, who may resume in the north next season, after announcing that his association with the Cheveley Park Stable at Newmarket ends in three weeks' time, could be hitting late season form. He followed up his Edinburgh victory with Computercall on Monday by sending out Viv's Charm to win the Murdostoun Maiden Fillies Stakes at Hamilton Park yesterday afternoon—the last 1978 flat meeting in Scotland.

Lunness said "It could have been my best ever team of horses this year, but all 24 of them have been plagued by a virus which caused their throats to be coated with a fungus.

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SPORT

Racing

Millville heading for brighter future

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

There were 15 acceptors for the William Hill Futurity Stakes, which will be run at Doncaster, at yesterday's four-day forfeit stage, and they included two challengers from France, Bellypha and Northern Baby, and two more from Ireland, Noelino and Sandy Creek. The race is now the most valuable run for two-year-olds in England. Although it may not equal the excitement of last week's Dewhurst Stakes, it should still be informative.

Yesterday the sponsors named Lyphard's Wish as their favourite, at 3 to 1, only hours after our Newmarket Correspondent had told me that he had just seen the colt work with great gusto up Long Hill accompanied by Borzoi and Ballo. Then they go 5 to 1 Northern Baby and Warmington, 7 to 1 Bellypha and Noelino, 10 to 1 Millville and Two of Diamonds, who will run instead of his stable companion Tap on Wood, 14 to 1 Bolide, and 16 to 1 bar those eight.

At Sandown Park yesterday Peter Walwyn confirmed that Millville, who ran promisingly behind Elusive Pimpernel in his first and only race at Ascot will definitely take his chance and that he will be ridden by Eddery. Walwyn had just seen one of Millville's stable and galloping companions, Red Rufus, win the Dorking Stakes and it was obvious too that he had been greatly heartened by the performances given by some of his horses during the last week, and that the end of the tunnel may now be in sight, as far as Seven Barrows is concerned. Red Rufus, a good-looking colt by Busted, ran on doggedly, and should do even better next year especially now that he has been taught to settle instead of fight for his head and thereby cut his mouth. Walwyn and Eddery also turned up trumps in the Wey Nursery in the shape of Rectitude, a tough grey filly by Runnymede out of Attitude, who was bred by Julian Sheffield.

Rectitude is leased from her breeder by Mrs R. F. Watson and her son, Ian Cameron, who remarked yesterday: "It now looks as though Peter's and my luck has changed at the same time. Having not had a winner for 10 years, I have now had two in a week." Rectitude beat Silver Horseshoe by a length.

After the judge had announced that Evesboy had won the Rookery Handicap by a short head from Gypsy Castle, no one looked more surprised than his jockey, Starkey, who had already steered him into the unsaddling place allocated to the runner-up.

Taffy gave Henry Candy his third victory in as many years in the Coombe Handicap, the third winner of the race. Two years ago, he saddled Assured and 12 months ago it was Moonlight Rag. Taffy looks just the type to go jumping, and by all accounts he can now be bought to do precisely that. If Carson was disappointed not to win that race on Falls of Lora, he at least gained consolation when he won the next for John Dunlop on Ethics. It was just as well because earlier in the day Carson had seen his car, seconds after he locked it, roll down the hill and crash into that of Michael Jarvis, a Newmarket trainer.

At Sandown Park today the Trafalgar Handicap may be won by St Briavels, a colt trained by Gavin Pritchard Gordon. Our Newmarket correspondent has told me that he saw St Briavels work well recently when he was wearing blinkers for the first time at home, and today he will be similarly adorned for the first time in public. And no one should need reminding of the startling difference that blinkers can have on a horse the first time they are fitted.

STATE OF GOING (official): Sandown Park: Good to firm. Redcar: Good to firm. Cheltenham: Firm. Hexham: Good. Tomorrow: Newbury: Flat: good to firm. Hurdle: Firm. Steeplechase: hard. Wolverhampton: Good to firm.



Evesboy, right, wins the Rookery Handicap at Sandown Park yesterday.

Sir Desmond worried by diminishing reserves

Sir Desmond Plummer, the Betting Levy Board chairman, expresses concern about the diminishing reserves of the Board in the seventeenth annual report published yesterday. Sir Desmond says: "Our reserves are being steadily diminished and it must be a matter of increasing concern as to how we are going to find the large sums of money which will soon be required to maintain and improve facilities for racegoers, to a standard which competes with other leisure activities. Some stands are also likely to require renewal for safety reasons.

"To meet this potential liability and to reinforce our efforts to enhance racing as a spectator sport will require a change of emphasis in the allocation of our limited resources, unless we can create new sources of income, particularly by attracting a wider betting public."

The uncommitted reserves of the Board at the end of the last financial year totalled approximately £3,142,000, a reduction of £1,553,000, since the corresponding date in 1977.

In the Levy review for the period April 1, 1977, to March 1, 1978, the Board made their biggest increase in prize money, and their total contribution rose by £2½ million to £8½ million. The Board allocated £169,000 of its prize money contribution to finance premiums for the British-bred winners of all two-year-old fillies races with a guaranteed value of £1,000 or more. In the case of pattern races, this premium was extended to benefit placed horses.

The Board are also investing substantial sums in their fight to control the contagious equine metritis and eventually to eradicate the disease. The National Stud was one of many studs affected by contagious equine metritis last year and their covering season was brought to a premature end in May, 1977.

Sandown Park programme

[Television (IBA): 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races]

1.30 GRANBY STAKES (2-y-o: £1,713: 7f)

4 Ambler, P. Walwyn, 8-11 ... F. Morby 14
7 000 Cool Sovereign, R. Hannon, 8-11 ... F. Durr 10
11 0030 Gorsky, C. Bewicke, 8-11 ... L. Piggott 5
12 323304 Gosport, D. Whelan, 8-11 ... J. Lynch 3
Louisberg, B. Hills, 8-11 ... E. Johnson 8
0 Mormon's Way, P. Walwyn, 8-11 ... P. Eddery 4
0 Pearls Display, J. Bethell, 8-11 ... W. Carson 9
Poole Bay, P. Makin, 8-11 ... G. Baxter 11
000 Red Streamer, C. Benstead, 8-11 ... B. Rouse 2
0 Sanskritik, A. Breasley, 8-11 ... G. Ramshaw 1
000 Statecraft, D. Whelan, 8-11 ... R. Curant 13
Border Dawn, J. Hindley, 8-8 ... A. Kimberley 6
Philigree, M. Stoute, 8-8 ... G. Starkey 6
0000 Radnorcliffe, A. Ingham, 8-8 ... R. Muddle 5
00 Rightly So, R. Akehurst, 8-8 ... P. Cook 12

3-1 Gorsky, 5-1 Louisberg, 6-1 Mormon's Way, 8-1 Philigree, 10-1 Gosport, 12-1 Ambler, Red Streamer, Border Dawn, 14-1 Radnorcliffe, 16-1 Pearls Display, Sanskritik, 20-1 others.

2.0 MITRE STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £1,027: 1m)

000000 Flashing Smile, Pat Mitchell, 8-11 ... P. Cook 7
20 Gilt, B. Hills, 8-11 ... E. Johnson 5
000030 Rema, J. O'Donoghue, 8-11 ... P. O'Leary 4
2-00004 Repercussion, R. Hannon, 8-11 ... F. Durr 1
030000 Roses All The Way, C. Benstead, 8-11 ... B. Rouse 2
002022 Silver Bay, R. Armstrong, 8-11 ... L. Piggott 6
404000 Strike on the Box, H. Blagrave, 8-11 ... A. Cousins 3

5-4 Silver Bay, 15-8 Gilt, 7-1 Strike on the Box, 8-1 Repercussion, 16-1 Roses All The Way, 25-1 others.

2.35 MOOR LANE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,506: 7f)

200310 Dromefs (D), C. Brittain, 9-0 ... P. Cook 6
424010 House Guard (D), R. Armstrong, 8-11 ... L. Piggott 4
3-20203 Swing Bridge (B), Thomson Jones, 8-10 ... G. Starkey 5
233030 Roman Scribe, S. Woodman, 8-6 ... B. Taylor 7
100000 Staffordshire Knot (B,D), R. Hollinshead, 8-4 ... T. Ives 8
004000 Hackbridge, T. Gosling, 8-1 ... P. Eddery 2
310442 Salinity (CD), M. Stoute, 8-0 ... W. R. Swinburn 7
004000 Glenjade, B. Swift, 7-10 ... J. Lynch 3
000030 Double Finesse (B), J. Winter, 7-8 ... E. Johnson 9

6-4 Salinity, 7-2 Double Finesse, 5-1 House Guard, 6-1 Dromefs, 8-1 Swing Bridge, 10-1 Staffordshire Knot, 14-1 Roman Scribe, 16-1 others.

3.10 TRAFALGAR HANDICAP (£2,124: 1¼m)

421444 St Briavels (B,CD), G. P-Gordon, 4-9-11 ... B. Taylor 4
100010 Fine Blue (CD), P. Makin, 5-9-10 ... P. Eddery 5
420010 Hashofet (D), A. Ingham, 5-9-5 ... J. Blanks 1
040210 Peerless Prince (D), P. Kelleway, 4-9-2 ... L. Piggott 3
022212 Il Padrone (D), J. Sutcliffe, 5-9-1 ... J. Mercer 7
012242 Parrot Fashion (D), R. Akehurst, 5-8-11 ... G. Starkey 6
404000 The Hertford (D), R. Swift, 7-8-10 ... J. Lynch 8
331003 Robust (D), R. Jarvis, 4-8-8 ... M. L. Thomas 2

5-2 Il Padrone, 7-2 St Briavels, 11-2 Parrot Fashion, 7-1 Peerless Prince, 8-1 Hashofet, Fine Blue, 12-1 Robust, 16-1 The Hertford.

3.40 OXSHOTT HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,704: 5f)

400111 Bucco Bay (D), R. Hannon, 9-8 ... B. Rouse 7
01120 Dynamic Mistress (CD), D. Kent, 9-7 ... G. Starkey 8
010202 Fancy Work (D), R. Houghton, 9-6 ... J. Reid 3
001020 Crews Hill, C. Brittain, 9-6 ... P. Cook 4
213022 Cockney Rebel (D), P. Cole, 8-12 ... S. Young 7 11
400400 Don Drake (D), D. Thom, 8-9 ... P. Eddery 1
442401 Silver Bazaar (D), G. Hunter, 8-7 ... J. Lynch 9
030210 Rose of Shenfield (D), M. Haynes, 8-7 ... 6
01 Brave Connection, J. Winter, 8-3 ... B. Taylor 10
003011 Heather's Girl (B,D), H. Keith, 8-4 ... W. R. Swinburn 7 12
0200 Gibraltar (B), R. Price, 8-3 ... W. Carson 5
000134 Bentinck Hotel (B,D), G. Blum, 7-13 ... M. L. Thomas 2

100-30 Bucco Bay, 9-2 Heather's Girl, 6-1 Dynamic Mistress, Cockney Rebel, 8-1 Fancy Work, 10-1 Brave Connection, Crews Hill, 14-1 Gibraltar, Silver Bazaar, Rose of Shenfield, 20-1 others.

4.10 FINAL STAKES (£1,858: 1¾m)

20-3204 Wale (B), P. Walwyn, 3-8-6 ... P. Eddery 1
0 Tintern Heights, D. Laing, 4-8-5 ... R. Weaver 2

1-6 Wale, 9-2 Tintern Heights.

Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.30 Philigree. 2.0 Silver Bay. 2.35 Salinity. 3.10 ST BRIAVELS is specially recommended. 3.40 Heather's Girl. 4.10 Wale.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Philigree. 2.0 Silver Bay. 2.35 Swing Bridge. 3.10 St Briavels. 3.40 Brave Connection.

Redcar programme

2.15 REDCAR OCTOBER HANDICAP (3-y-o: £644: 1¼m)

000022 Yelrebmik (B), Hbt Jones, 9-13 ... M. Birch 4
010-0-1 Rose Bridges, F. Watts, 9-11 ... A. ... 1
0-00000 Royal Tonic, I. Pawney, 9-10 ... C. Moss 3
000020 Beabal, M. Naughton, 9-2 ... C. Seward 2
000-00 Flaminia, J. Mulhall, 8-10 ... D. Nicholls 5 5

3-6 Rose Bridges, 3-1 Yelrebmik, 9-2 Beabal, 16-1 Flaminia, 33-1 Royal Tonic.

2.45 RUSWARP STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,679: 7f)

314312 Nicholas Grey (D), M. Jarvis, 9-4 ... B. Raymond 5
040 Bridge of Elspe, R. Peacock, 8-8 ... J. Lowe 1
000 Elsi Clara, R. ... 8-8 ... K. Darley 7 3
0 Royal Whisper, I. Balding, 8-8 ... T. Matthias 3
Trehala, W. Hastings-Bass, 8-8 ... G. Duffield 1
Wedded Bliss, C. Thornton, 8-8 ... J. Bleasdale 2

8-13 Nicholas Grey, 9-2 Trehala, 11-2 Royal Whisper, 8-1 Wedded Bliss, 10-1 Bridge Of Elspe, 25-1 Elsi Clara.

3.15 REDCAR AUTUMN HANDICAP (£2,645: 6f)

214004 Steel Flight, B. Ohlson, 5-9-5 ... R. Street 3
002000 Hedge School (D), Denys Smith, 4-8-12 ... A. Mercer 5 2
... Young Bob, J. ... ... J. Bleasdale 1
044000 River Petterill (D), K. Tuer, 5-7-13 ... S. Webster 4
200422 Yoohoo (B,D), C. Booth, 4-7-11 ... G. Duffield 6
420201 Miss Pudge (D), W. D. Francis, 3-7-7 ... K. Darley 3 5

9-4 Steel Flight, 7-2 Miss Pudge, 9-2 Young Bob, 5-1 Yoohoo, 13-2 Hedge School, 8-1 River Petterill.

3.45 ELLERBY STAKES (3-y-o: £1,287: 1¼m 160yd)

001121 Gin and Lime (CD), C. Thornton, 9-3 ... J. Bleasdale 3
000000 Grafty Green, D. Dale, 9-0 ... 2
00 Midnight Music, R. Peacock, 8-11 ... R. Hutr 1
403440 My Sweet Gunhild, J. Etherington, 8-11 ... — 1

2-9 Gin and Lime, 6-1 My Sweet Gunhild, 10-1 Midnight Music.

4.15 ROSEDALE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,699: 6f)

000100 Super Sirocco (B,D), G. Hunter, 8-8 ... J. Bleasdale 2
301002 Arms King (B,D), E. Weymes, 8-2 ... G. Duffield 1
0100 Royal Inheritance (D), H. Wragg, 7-13 ... M. Wigham 3

5-1 Arms King, 13-8 Royal Inheritance, 11-4 Super Sirocco.

4.45 EGERTON STAKES (2-y-o: £873: 1m)

24 Amber Town, M. Stoute, 9-0 ... B. Raymond 5
40 Faris (B), R. Sheather, 9-0 ... R. Street 3
032 Sombrero, C. Thornton, 9-0 ... J. Bleasdale 2
3400 The Hague (B), J. W. Watts, 9-0 ... J. Lowe 6
0400 My Saint Anne, Hbt. Jones, 8-11 ... M. Birch 4
400200 Never Nebulous, T. Fairhurst, 8-11 ... A. Mercer 5 1

13-8 Sombrero, 9-4 The Hague, 5-1 Amber Town, 8-1 Faris, 10-1 Never Nebulous, 16-1 My Saint Anne.

• Doubtful runner

Redcar selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.15 Rose Bridges. 2.45 Nicholas Grey. 3.15 Young Bob. 3.45 Gin and Lime. 4.15 Arms King. 4.45 Sombrero.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Royal Tonic. 2.45 Nicholas Grey. 4.15 Royal Inheritance. 4.45 Amber Town.

Cheltenham

2.0 BEHRENS HURDLE (Div I: novices: £742: 2m 200yd)

00-1 Cathy's Courtier, 5-11-10 ... K. Gray
003 Blou Hemel, 5-11-5 P. J. Kelly
00-2 Heartstring, 6-11-5 .. P. Hobbs
000- Monk's Flyer, 5-11-5 ... R. Champion
0 Western Priestess, 7-11-5 ... A. Webber
0 Glamorous Girl, 4-11-0 P. Barton
00 Mount Stephen, 4-11-0 G. Old

11-8 Cathy's Courtier, 4-1 Monk's Flyer, 5-1 Heartstring, 11-2 Glamorous Girl, 8-1 Western Priestess, 14-1 Blou Hemel, 16-1 Mount Stephen.

2.30 STUDD CHASE (Handicap: £1,609: 2m)

111 Carrigeen Hill, 7-11-1 .. J. King
101 Tingledo, 7-11-0 .. J. Francome
3?4 Organisedconfusion, 7-10-0 ... A. Webber
144 Ellerby Lord, 10-10-0 ... Mr C. Cundell
122 Kininvie, 9-10-0 .... P. Hobbs
003 Current Chance, 7-10-0 ... K. Whyte 4
3?2 John Boy, 9-10-0 .. A. Webb 4

8-13 Carrigeen Hill, 9-2 Tingledo, 8-1 Organisedconfusion, 10-1 Ellerby Lord, 12-1 John Boy, 14-1 Current Chance, 20-1 Kininvie.

3.5 E. C. BURTON HURDLE (Handicap: £1,163: 3m)

113- Good Prospect, 9-12-7 P. Blacker
231 Grando King, 9-11-6 ... Mr A. Fowler 7
103 Rolyat, 12-10-8 .... R. Linley
024 Honey Blue, 10-10-0 ... Mr J. Cambidge 7
340 King's Hazard, 6-10-0 P. Leach

6-4 Good Prospect, 13-8 Grando King, 11-2 Rolyat, 10-1 Honey Blue, 12-1 King's Hazard.

3.40 W. C. CRAVEN CHASE (Handicap: £2,113: 2½m)

21-4 Number Engaged, 10-11-1 ... Mr S. Shilston 7
00-3 No Defence, 9-10-0 A. Webb 4
223- Cherry Lad, 8-10-0 .. R. Wilding

10-11 No Defence, 13-8 Number Engaged, 4-1 Cherry Lad.

4.15 B. J. ANGELL CHASE (Handicap: £1,266: 3m 1f)

04-4 Exhibit B, 9-11-13 ... Mr S. Shilston 7
333 Free Motion, 7-11-10 ... Mr J. Weston
2-31 Lakeside, 7-10-11 Mr I. McKie 7
0-11 Romany Car, 9-10-11 ... Mr N. Mitchell
133 *Nicholas Nickleby II, 10-10-9 —

30-4 Indian Scholar, 9-10-5 ... Mr R. Woolley 4

9-4 Exhibit B, 5-2 Lakeside, 3-1 Free Motion, 5-1 Romany Car, 14-1 Indian Scholar.

4.45 BEHRENS HURDLE (Div II: £741: 2m 200yd)

1/3 Candlewick Green, 7-11-10 ... N. Tinkler
Dark Romuk, 6-11-5 S. Morshead
0- My Three Sons, 6-11-5 ... R. Champion
0-42 Up The Creek, 6-11-5 ... Mr J. Cambidge 7
304 Gin N' Lime, 4-11-0 ... D. Cartwright

Young Blade, 6-1 Gin N' Lime, 10-1 ...
4-3 Up The Creek, 100-30 My Three Sons, 4-1 Candlewick Green, 11-2 Young Blade, 6-1 Gin N' Lime, 10-1 Dark Romuk.

* Doubtful runner

CHELTENHAM SELECTIONS: 2.0 Cathy's Courtier. 2.30 Carrigeen Hill. 3.5 Grando King. 3.40 No Defence. 4.15 Exhibit B. 4.45 Up The Creek.

Hexham NH

1.45 SUNNISIDE HURDLE (Handicap: £510: 2m)

40-3 Allerdale, 5-11-10 J. L. Goulding
0-00 Bosphorus Queen, 7-11-5 ... P. Carvill
0-00 *Tid, 7-11-3 .... S. P. Grant 4
00-3 Scimone, 5-11-2 .. J. Elrington
00-2 Good Job, 6-11-2 ...
020- Christine Jane, 4-11-1 ... A. Fairhurst 4
420 Michelle, 6-10-6 ..... P. Tuck
080 Two Mile House, 7-10-5 ..... —

9-4 Good Job, 5-2 Scimone, 4-1 Allerdale, 6-1 Christine Jane, 8-1 Bosphorus Queen, 10-1 others.

2.15 LANGLEY CHASE (Handicap: £804: 3m)

111- Gay Spartan, 7-12-7 T. Carmody
0-10 Current Gold, 7-10-9 R. Barry
131- Brasidas, 8-10-0 .... C. Hawkins
222- Shirello, 9-10-0 T. V. O'Connell 7
200 Satalis, 7-10-0 Mr K. Hewitt 7
f-p Durham Town, 9-10-0 J. Suthern
u0f- Monchique, 8-10-0 ...

6-4 Gay Spartan, 4-1 Current Gold, 11-2 Shirello, 7-1 Brasidas, 10-1 Satalis, Durham Town, 25-1 Monchique.

2.45 BEACON HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £411: 2m)

0-00 Bargello's Lady, 6-11-5 R. Lamb
44- Carsegowan, 5-11-5 R. Collins
0- Ellen Louise, 5-11-5 ..... —
up0- Fohrani, 5-11-5 Mr T. Walford 7
0-03 Frozen Ground, 5-11-5 M. Lowry
00-0 Milan City, 5-11-5 Mr J. Newton
0- Running Blind, 5-11-5 R. Barry
00-0 Wild Geordie, 5-11-5 T. Carmody
0 Alleyn, 4-11-0 .... D. Munro
Another Grand, 4-11-0 ... Mr D. Kinsella

0p0- Minny Mouse, 4-11-0 M. Barnes
Wamphray, 4-11-0 I. Mackie 7
00f- Witton Fell, 4-11-0 ...... —

11-8 Frozen Ground, 11-4 Milan City, 7-2 Carsegowan, 6-1 Wild Geordie, 10-1 Alleyn, 20-1 others.

3.15 PERCY BEWICKE CUP CHASE (Handicap: £821: 2m)

023 Morag's Parade, 8-11-4 R. Barry
322- Wylam Boy, 9-11-5 ... Mr T. G. Dun 4
430 Rathgorman, 6-11-1 T. Carmody
221- Arctic Challenge, 8-10-9 ... Mr P. Greggs
231 Royal Roseberry, 7-10-7 ... N. Tinkler
3-u0 Kelton Lad, 9-10-0 .. P. Mangan
2p0- Cartwright, 9-10-0 .. A. Phillips
0-up Cove Bay, 7-10-0 ...

2-1 Royal Roseberry, 3-1 Morag's Parade, 4-1 Arctic Challenge, 9-2 Wylam Boy, 8-1 Rathgorman, 10-1 Kelton Lad, 16-1 others.

3.45 BEACON HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £403: 2m)

Africa Star, 6-11-5 ...... —
0 Arctic Ive, 5-11-5 .. M. Barnes
Barnist, 6-11-5 ...... —
b- Barons Folly, 6-11-5 R. Barry
02-3 *Barrettstown Boy, 5-11-5 ... —
00-0 Barrydale, 6-11-5 J. Newton
0 Cry for Joy, 5-11-5 M. Lowry
Dorenco, 5-11-5 S. Kettlewell 7
Johnny Turner, 5-11-5 ... T. V. O'Connel 7
000 Palm Grove, 4-11-0 ... Mr T. G. Dun 4
232 Silver Cygnet, 4-11-0 ... C. Fairhurst 4
0 Temple Rock, 4-11-0 .. G. Holmes
0-03 The Pukaar Ball, 4-11-0 R. Lamb

5-4 Silver Cygnet, 11-4 The Pukaar Ball, 4-1 Cry for Joy, 7-1 Barrydale, 10-1 Johnny Turner, 20-1 others.

4.15 THREEPWOOD CHASE (Novices: £663: 2½m)

1p0 Gleaming Flight, 8-11-12 ... Mr J. Ormston
-001 Jester's Night, 5-11-10 ... Mr T. G. Dun 4
0-00 Danescastle, 8-11-2 .. J. Toland
00- Dunnet Head, 9-11-2 N. Tinkler
00f Fallodon Folly, 6-11-2 D. Nolan
31- Fighting King, 7-11-2 R. Barry
General Bruno, 8-11-2 ... Mr D. Kinsella
f-00 Ninea, 6-11-2 .... P. Holmes
03-0 Orchard Hero, 7-11-2 .. R. Lamb
p00 Star Buck, 8-11-2 Mr J. Mackie 7
pf-f Willow Beck, 6-11-2 G. Holmes
0-30 Bennachie, 5-11-0 P. Mangan
0u0- Kildale, 5-11-0 Mr F. Watson 7
001- Melmerby, 5-11-0 .. M. Barnes
00-3 Narvik, 5-11-0 ...... D. Atkins

7-4 Jester's Night, 7-2 Melmerby, 9-2 Fighting King, 11-2 Narvik, 8-1 Fallodon Folly, 10-1 Gleaming Flight, 12-1 Danescastle, 30-1 others.

*Doubtful runner

HEXHAM SELECTIONS: 1.45 Good Job. 2.15 Gay Spartan. 2.45 Milan City. 3.15 Royal Roseberry. 3.45 Cry for Joy. 4.15 Narvik.

Sandown Park results

1.30 (1.32) HEATHER STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £1,140: 5f)
La-Don, b c, by Majority Blue—Marble Cloud (J. Bartocchi), 9-0 ...... B. Rouse (11-8 fav) 1
Salford ...... W. Carson (5-1) 2
High Alumina ... Eileen McDuffey (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Memsingh, Our Kudos (4th), 8-1 Sky Grove, 10-1 Sable Streak, 14-1 Doblen-Cil-Van, 33-1 Cornish Scot, What a Treasure. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 11p, 20p, £1.36, dual forecast, 45p. R. Hannon, at Marlborough. 3l, 2½l. 1min 03.50sec.

2.0 (2.4) DORKING STAKES (2-y-o: £2,058: 1m)
Red Rufus, b c, by Busted—Red Velvet (Mrs D. McCalmont), 9-0 .... P. Eddery (4-1 fav) 1
Desert Command B. Rouse (8-1) 2
Sea Chimes .. G. Baxter (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Hills Forecast, Son Master, 9-1 Leodenrance (4th), 10-1 Queen's Music, Dr Spike, 14-1 Faithful Play, Starrio, 20-1 Carrymia, Royal Proclamation, Sunla Sempet, Tamarind Gem, 33-1 Benville Bridge, Never a Clown, Regional, Trial Woodcote Park. 20 ran.
TOTE: Win, 72p; places, 15p, 17p, 41p; dual forecast, £1.07. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. ¾l, ½l. 1min 43.60sec. Dedham Vale did not run.

2.35 (2.37) ROOKERY HANDICAP (£2,250: 1m)
Evesboy, b c, by Welsh Pageant—St Brigid (G. Harwood), 3-9-13 ... G. Starkey (7-4 fav) 1
Gypsy Castle .... J. Reid (5-1) 2
Prince Gabriel .. P. Eddery (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 The Adrianstan, 15-2 Conners (4th), 20-1 Loh. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 20p, 19p; dual forecast, 42p. G. Harwood, at Pulborough. Sh hd, 2l. 1min 42.72sec.

3.10 (3.11) COOMBE HANDICAP (£1,548: 1m 6f)
Taffy, b c, by Prince de Galles—Bird in the Hand (Lady Hothfield), 3-8-10 ... P. Waldron (7-2) 1
Falls of Lora W. Carson (10-11 fav) 2
Hardirondo ...... B. Taylor (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Crested Grebe (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; dual forecast, 21p. H. Candy, at Wantage. 1½l, 3l. 3min 0.2.985. After a stewards enquiry the result remained unaltered.

3.40 (3.43) LEATHERHEAD STAKES (3-y-o: £1,562: 1m 2f)
Essex, b c, by Tudor Melody—Fashion Model (M. Blackburn), 8-11 ..... W. Carson (3-1 jt fav) 1
Landa's Friend .. P. Eddery (7-2) 2
Nicoletta .. G. Baxter (3-1 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Kaitan (4th), 12-1 Theocritus, 16-1 Terry Paine, 20-1 Bully, 33-1 Prince Jossa, Silent Mussile. 9 ran.
Tote: win, 26p; places, 12p, 25p, 12p; dual forecast, 91p. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. 3l, ½l. 2min 10.33sec.

4.10 (4.21) WEY HANDICAP (2-y-o nursery: £1,794: 7f)
Rectitude, gr f, by Runnymede—Attitude (Mrs R. Watson), 8-10 .... P. Eddery (9-2) 1
Silver Horseshoe ... G. Baxter (9-4 fav) 2
Fair Mark .... B. Raymond (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Gregorian (4th), 15-2 Miners Song, 8-1 Years Ahead, 10-1 Coraquet, Cougar's Surprise, 14-1 Foul Fella. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 17p, 20p, 17p; dual forecast, 65p. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn, 1l, 2l. 1min 31.59sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Evesboy and Essex, £9.45. TREBLE: Red Rufus, Taffy and Rectitude, £33.85. Jackpot: £271.95. Placepot: £11.90.

Leicester

1.45 (1.46) CUB HUNTERS STAKES (£542: 2m)
Clever Avoen, b f, by Clever Fella—Larry Avoen (E. Pringle) 3-11-7 .... Mr C. Platts (8-1) 1
Colliemore, ... P. Harman (6-1) 2
Nun Burn, .. Mr T. Easterby (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Michael Swift, 8-1 Welby, 10-1 Marys Gold, 14-1 Gadabout, Sterling Gift (4th), 16-1 The Odd Job, Upper Class, 25-1 Independent, Sandall Lad, 33-1 Grace Hill, Highly Likely, Impus, Running Clear, Sams Treasure, Teme Spar, Western River, Ashfields Kanda, Caspius, Deander, D. J. Blues, Flaming Testwood, Glanwern, Kerrene, Papa Dora, Swift Albany. 28 ran.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 15p, 30p, 26p; dual forecast: £12.67. Miss S. Hall at Leyburn. ¾l, 4l. Blazing Saddles did not run. Society Lad withdrawn not under orders. Rule four does not apply.

2.15 (2.16) WREAKE STAKES (2-y-o: £996: 1m)
Hottie Birbeck, b f, by Track Spare—Marcida (W. Ponsonby), 8-8 ... J. Mercer (5-4 fav) 1
Charlottsway, M. L. Thomas (12-1) 2
Dear Octopus, .. P. Cook (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Kindly Look, 8-1 Castle Lad, 12-1 Master Bond, 16-1 Card Palmer (4th), 20-1 Hopeful Hylda, 25-1 Seasonal Samba, Mad Philip, Stephouette. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 11p, 26p, 24p; dual forecast, £1.61. P. Cole, at Lambourn. 3l, ¾l.

2.45 (2.47) WHISSENDINE HANDICAP (£620: 1m 2f)
Doughty, ch g, by Shiny Tenth—Calcine (B. Fincham), 4-9-8 ... A. Cousins (11-2) 1
Bushbranch M. Chilton (100-30) 2
Lassies Bell .... D. Ryan (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Super Knight (4th), 8-1 Adjerie, 14-1 Divine Sunshine, 16-1 Free Game, 20-1 Shomala. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 13p, 18p, 11p; dual forecast, 51p. M. Salaman at Upper Lambourn. Hd, 4l. Comtesse Etoile was withdrawn, not under orders. Rule Four applies to bets at board prices not SP Bets. Deduct 10p in pound. There was no bid for the winner.

3.15 (3.17) STEWARDS HANDICAP (£2,130: 1m)
Galadriel, b m, by Track Spare—Magical Maid (R. O'Driscoll), 7-8-0 ...... K. Darley (8-1) 1
Can Run .. M. L. Thomas (11-2) 2
Farmers Choice .. R. Street (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Perfect Fit, 4-1 St Theresa, 11-2 Jazz King, 7-1 Monte Acuto, 11-1 Prince of Light (4th), 25-1 Another Chapter, Portal Prince, 33-1 Placid Pet, 50-1 Alpine Alice, Boxberger Prins. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.26; places, 28p, 14p, 37p; dual forecast, £2.34. D. Kent at Chichester. 2l, 2½l. Royfern and Bermondo did not run.

3.45 (3.48) WIDMERPOOL STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £1,103: 1m 4f)
Almageet, ch f, by Dike—Celestial Sun (Mrs M. Egan), 8-6 ... R. Muddle (8-1) 1
Rainspell .... R. Curant (7-1) 2
Record Choice M. L. Thomas (15-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Malmaison, 5-1 Super Swallow, 8-1 Loopingdales (4th), 14-1 Ment More, 50-1 Farefield, Gulistan, Love Parrol, Monlenayr, Novorossiysk, P P Strikes Again. 13 ran.
TOTE: win, 37p; places, 17p, 16p, 17p; dual forecast, £2.76. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. 2l, 10l. Hopefull Polly did not run.

4.15 (4.17) WYMESWOLD HANDICAP (2-y-o nursery: £1,833: 6f)
Mantis, gr f, by Mansole—Helgonet (Miss M. Booth), 7-9 ... W. Wharton (2-1 fav) 1
Best of Luck ...... R. Fox (11-1) 2
King Rama .. M. L. Thomas (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Emymede, 15-2 Marmourah, 9-1 Purple Mark, 10-1 Mozart Sonata, 11-1 Best Star, 12-1 Sovereign Bay, 14-1 My Lonnie, 16-1 Botbellor (4th), 20-1 Lofty Lad. 12 ran.
TOTE: win, 40p; places, 16p, 28p, 23p; dual forecast, £2.08. W. Elsey, at Malton. ¾l, 1½l.

4.45 (4.47) SOAR STAKES (2-y-o maiden colts: £1,607: 7f)
Lohengrin, b c, by Rheingold—Goosie (Sir R. Cohen), 8-9 ... R. Muddle (8-1) 1
Old Knocker ...... R. Fox (11-2) 2
Anthony James P. Cook (2-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 16-2 Marebe, 8-1 Redress, 12-1 Plaza Suite, 16-1 Alensingh, Tampa Bay, Warrenaga, 33-1 Armorial, Canalis, Funny Sunday (4th), Morvetta, Thumatamma, Well Polished. 15 ran.
TOTE: win, £1.03; places, 30p, 20p, 24p; dual forecast, £1.24. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. ½l, 2l. Amber Town and Red Streamer did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Doughty and Almageet, £154.65. TREBLE: Hottie Birbeck, Galadriel and Mantis. £48.50.

Hamilton Park

2.15 (2.16) BLACKWOOD STAKES (3-y-o: £484: 1m 3f)
Devine Life, b f, by Devine Gift—Our Life 8-1 M. A. Mackay (7-4) 1
Laludarem, J. Bleasdale (5-4 fav) 2
Rebecca Maid, .. C. Moss (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Castle Peep, 20-1 Am' Away Too (4th), 25-1 Royal Lammimer, Dunsib, Ickforjoy. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 46p; Places, 11p, 11p, 33p; Dual Forecast, 18p; T. Craig, Dunbar, ¾l, 20l. Royal Tonic did not run. The winner was bought for 880 gns.

2.45 (2.46) MURDOSTOUN STAKES (2-y-o maiden fillies: £671: 5f)
Vivchar, ch f, by Huntercombe—Alley Cat 8-11 .. C. Moss (4-1) 1
Dime A Dance, J. Bleasdale (5-4fav) 2
Double Bloom,.. G. Duffield (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Mount Quilter (4th), 12-1 Kishorn, 16-1 Grasshopper Lady. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.13; Places, £1.34, 11p; Dual Forecast, £2.36; B. Lunness, Newmarket. ¾l, 6l.

3.15 (3.16) BRAIDWOOD HANDICAP (2-y-o: £979: 6f)
Timarack, ch c, by Double Act—Gondook, 9-6 .. S. Perks (9-4) 1
Norton Legend .. M. Birch (10-1) 2
Delta's Pride ... J. Bleasdale (15-8 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Feathams Flyer, 9-1 Minit Boy, 14-1 Hanley Castle (4th), Straight Schweppes, 16-1 As I Wish. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 11p, 17p, 13p; dual forecast, £3.26. S. Wainwright, Malton. 1l, 1l.

3.45 (3.47) THANKERTON STAKES (2-y-o: £1,197: 1m 40yd)
March Spark, b c, by Sparkler—March Malone, 8-11 ... J. Bleasdale (5-1) 1
Cades .... M. Rimmer (5-1) 2
Keystone King C. Moss (7-2 fav) 3
Also ran: 9-2 Primside, 6-1 Man in the Middle, 10-1 Pearls Fantasy, Charlie Flower, 20-1 Belle Isle Boy, Micks Throwout, Another Move, Bradwell Fair, Cherchez La Femme (4th), Sang Sang Fat Fat, 33-1 Chantry Lad, Gillymint. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 11p, 32p, 13p; dual forecast, 34p. C. Thornton, Middleham. 1½l, 6l.

4.15 (4.16) SYMINGTON HANDICAP (£1,115: 1m 40yd)
Disc Jockey, b c, by Tudor Music—Fal Hoo, 4-8-7 M. Birch (4-1) 1
Mahar .... A. Mercer (7-2 fav) 2
Referendum .... E. Apter (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Startingo, Willecross (4th), 8-1 Nuniv, 12-1 Ladies Man, Manhunter, 14-1 Hard Held. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 85p; places, 37p, 11p, 15p; dual forecast, 65p. W. Williams, at Ayr. 2l, 2½l.

4.45 (4.46) ABINGTON STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: £749: 1¼m).
Sloman, br f, by So Blessed—Arenazken, 8-11 ... J. Bleasdale (8-1) 1
Darvins Gift ... M. Wigham (15-8 fav) 2
Hand Over Fist O. Gray (13-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Great Optimist (4th), 13-2 Trapalanda, 10-1 Cousin Ribby, 12-1 White House Lady, 14-1 Miss Friendly, Birichina, 16-1 Ginition, 25-1 Dorisimo, Genial Street. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 95p; places, 50p, 15p, 11p; dual forecast, £1.87. C. Thornton, at Middleham. 4l, 3l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Timarack, Disc Jockey, £21.45. TREBLE: Vivchar, Match Spark (paid first two legs), £25.65.

Tennis

Britain to receive £200,000 for development of junior game

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

The British segment of the Saab Organization have decided that most of the budget they allocate to sponsorship will go to tennis. During the next five years they will back the British junior game particularly its competitive structure, with £200,000 in annual grants of £40,000. The national team manager, Paul Hutchins, therefore has the funds to needs in order to develop junior tennis on a long-term basis.

Already it has been decided that the beneficiaries will fall into three age groups, under 12, under 14 and under 16, and that there will be three distinct programmes. One will be a series of nationwide weekend junior tournaments throughout the winter. Another will be the award of tennis "scholarships" so that the most promising youngsters can have extra coaching and go overseas to visit coaching centres and compete in tournaments. The third programme will be a series of junior international matches for all the three age groups. The first of these will be against France at Bisham Abbey on November 25 and 26.

John Smerdon, managing director of Saab (GB) Limited, said yesterday: "Saab is supporting tennis within its resources and in the best possible way. But we are really quite a small company. I know there is still a vital need for more indoor facilities and I would hope that some of the larger United Kingdom companies such as oil companies, banks, insurance companies, finance houses, etc, will examine the possibility of investment in these essential requirements if British tennis is to have a truly competitive chance."

Mr Hutchins, captain of the first British team to reach the Davis Cup final for 41 years, said the Saab decision was the culmination of four "fantastic" weeks and meant a great deal to him. He said that in the past juniors had been able to play in perhaps five tournaments between September and Easter and that Britain had become known as a nation in which juniors competed only during the school holidays.

He could now envisage a future in which there would be a circuit of junior tournaments throughout the winter. Mr Hutchins pointed out that the Saab scheme was concerned primarily with competition, whereas the emphasis of the existing junior development programme backed by the Prudential Assurance Company lay in the "grass roots" and regional coaching.

In European tennis these days there seem to be wheels within wheels. BMW based in Munich sponsored the inaugural women's tournament at Brighton last week. They have committed themselves for two more years (with an option for two more) and may expand their support of European tennis to as many as four autumn tournaments. The Swedish parent company of the Saab group already back the men's European indoor team championship for the King's Cup and has a promotional contract with the Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg.

VIENNA: J. Sadri (US) beat R. Reininger (Austria), 6—2, 6—2; O. Bengtson (Sweden) beat J. Fillol (Chile), 6—4, 6—4; P. Hutka (Czechoslovakia) beat P. Feigl (Austria), 6—3, 6—3; B. Mitton (South Africa) beat I. Lendl (Czechoslovakia), 7—6, 3—6, 7—6.

TOKYO: M. Edmondson (Australia) beat E. Uchiyama (Japan), 6—4, 6—3; G. Masters (Australia) beat S. Menon (India), 6—3, 6—2; K. Warwick (Australia) beat J. Marks (Australia), 3—6, 6—3, 6—1; S. Carnahan (US) beat O. Nakamura (Japan), 6—4, 6—3; A. Roche (Australia) beat K. Tanabe (Japan), 6—0, 6—1; S. Stewart (US) beat N. Tamura (Japan), 4—6, 6—2, 6—0; Z. Franulovic (Yugoslavia) beat D. Carter (Australia), 7—6, 6—3; M. Cahill (US) beat R. Case (Australia), 6—7, 6—2, 6—3; C. Mottram (GB) beat A. Kawaguchi (Japan), 6—2, 6—1; E. Dibbs (US) beat T. Nishiwaki (Japan), 6—2, 6—3; A. Gardiner (Australia) beat A. Waltz (US), 4—6, 6—2, 6—1; T. Moor (US) beat K. Hirai (Japan), 6—2, 5—7, 6—4.

STUTTGART: Miss T. Austin (US) beat Miss E. Renz, 6—0, 6—1; Miss L. Hunt (US) beat Miss Coles (GB), 7—6, 6—2; Miss S. Simmonds (Italy) beat Miss B. Cuypers (South Africa), 6—0, 5—7, 6—4; Miss S. Hanika (West Germany) beat Miss J. Evert (US), 6—1, 6—3; Miss J. Riessen (West Germany) beat Miss A. Cooper (South Africa), 6—3, 6—7, 6—4.

Squash rackets

Seventh in a list of popularity

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

The British Market Research Bureau's annual "random location sample" of 25,000 adults suggest that squash rackets, with an estimated 2.4 million players, now has more participants than golf or football. Squash is still only seventh in this sporting popularity list, behind swimming, darts, snooker, chess, tennis and fishing. After squash the sports listed are golf, football, skating, cricket, riding, sailing, skiing and water skiing.

The results of the survey were released yesterday by Alan Jenkins, who has a BA degree in economics and a Master's degree in recreation management. He said the rate of growth in squash was surprising but he could understand why it had happened. During a time of insecurity and economic stagnation, he suggested, people had increasingly relied on their own resources and many squash enthusiasts had built their own centres. Local authorities had helped too

Hockey

Britain chose experienced and well balanced party

By Sydney Friskin

After a careful study of performances at the second training weekend at Lilleshall the selectors have invited 16 players to represent Great Britain in the champions trophy hockey tournament at Lahore from November 17 to 24. The team will leave London on November 15 and return on November 26.

From the original training party of 24 Whitaker dropped out because of business commitments. For the same reason Thomson said that he would not be able to go to Pakistan but would probably continue to attend other trainings weekends. Ekins has also dropped out, which means that for the present, at any rate, Brough, Godwin, Hughes, Khehar and Alistair McGinn have been left out.

Britain has accepted the invitation to play at Lahore in an effort to build up a suitable playing record which will help them to qualify for the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. Their next objective will be the 10 nations tournament at Perth, Australia, from April 20 to 29 next year.

Adaptability is one of the main virtues of the team for Lahore, led by Cotton. It is experienced and well balanced and has the advantage of supplying players who can function effectively in more positions than one. Duthie, for instance, can appear in the contrasting roles of sweeper and striker. In the England team at Hanover he took over the position of sweeper from Barber who played centre back. It would be interesting to see if Barber retains this position at Lahore, because to me he looks more assertive in the position of sweeper.

Goalkeepers: I. C. B. Taylor (England), D. J. Owen (England).
Defenders: J. L. Duthie (England), P. J. Barber (England), R. L. Cattrall (Wales), R. B. Williams (Wales).
Midfield: N. G. Menzies (Scotland), B. J. Cotton (England, captain), C. Sutherland (Scotland), D. G. Westcott (England), J. E. C. Foulkes (Wales), H. D. J. Williams (Wales).
Forwards: R. H. Brookeman (England), T. A. Gregg (Ireland), A. Western (Wales), W. D. McLean (Scotland).

Gymnastics

Miss Comaneci takes a back seat

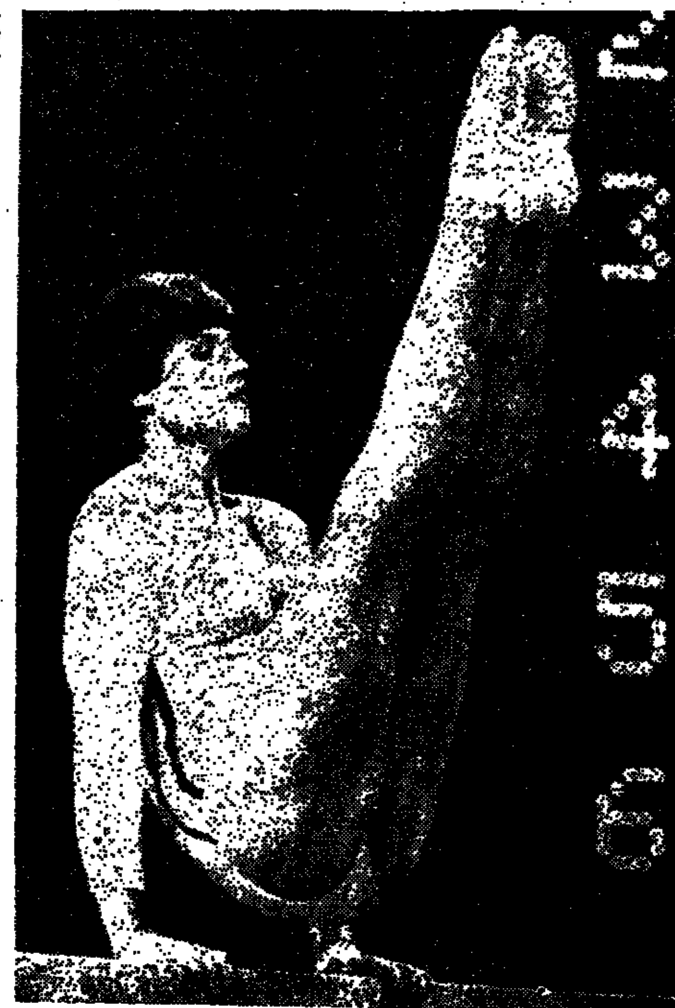
Strasbourg, France, Oct 24.—Nadia Comaneci, of Romania, the Olympic champion, surrendered the limelight to two Russian performers in the first women's events at the world gymnastics championships here today. Miss Comaneci, who at the age of 14 achieved seven perfect scores at the Montreal Olympic in 1976, managed 9.75 out of 10 as her top score today, obtaining this mark for both the beam and asymmetric bars in the compulsory exercises.

The Romanian girl has grown and acquired a more feminine figure, and today she performed with grace and elegance rather than the precise, technical perfection which was the basis of her stunning performance in Montreal. But she was outshone by the two brilliant Russian girls, Maria Filatova and a virtual unknown at world class level, Natalia Shaposhnikova. Miss Comaneci finished the day in equal third place.

After today's exercises—the compulsory routines counting towards the women's team title—the Soviet Union led Romania by 194 points to 192.20.

The Romanians, who walked out of the European championships in Prague in May last year in a storm over judging, complained today about marking and two Romanian scores were changed for the better. The floor exercise was halted for over 15 minutes as judges watched replays on closed circuit television and the scores of Marinela Neascu and Theodora Ungureanu were both raised

Romania officials were also unhappy about the way Miss Comaneci, now 16, was marked in the vault. However on the whole the Romanians were happy with Miss Comaneci's performance in view of her physical maturing, which she herself has said imposed considerable technical changes on her. The Romanian girls has grown about four inches and put on 21lb since the Olympics.



Miss Comaneci shows her usual elegance on the beam.

Sarajevo and Los Angeles are under orders for 1984 Olympics

Warming up for Winter Games

While the world has worried and wrangled for the past year over the designation of Los Angeles as the site of the 1984 Olympic Games, all is progressing smoothly for the 1984 Winter Olympics to be held at Sarajevo.

Unlike the people of Los Angeles, whose city council has drawn up a contract to make sure its taxpayers will not be affected by the games, residents of Sarajevo, which lies in central Yugoslavia's mountainous Bosnia-Herzegovinia region, are preparing to dig deep into their pockets to help raise the estimated $80m to finance the games. "The organization of this event in our country is a great honour but at the same time a source of great responsibility", a spokesman for the organizers said.

One third of the projected cost will be borne by Sarajevo with a two and a half per cent local levy on their salaries. This also will help pay for improvements to the city as well as the construction of sports facilities. Another third is to be raised by Bosnia-Herzegovinia and the rest will come from the rest of Yugoslavia, through lotteries, pools and programmes in the other five republics within the Yugoslav federal systems. A considerable part of the money is expected to come from television rights, tickets, souvenirs, stamps and other promotions.

Plans are well under way for the construction of sports facilities and hotels. The city will be getting a facelift to ensure the success of the biggest sporting event ever held in Yugoslavia.

Sarajevo, a town of 350,000 people, has long been a winter sports centre and has already played host to international skiing events. The idea of holding the Winter Olympics here is not a new one although it will be the first time they have been held outside the west. In 1968, an international study said the area was suitable if it was more developed and in 1976 it was suggested that Sarajevo should take over after Denver pulled out, but the games were eventually transferred to Innsbruck, Austria.

There will be new ski runs for men's competition on Mount Bjelasnica; two ski jumps on Mount Igman; two new ice hockey stadiums to supplement the existing 4,500-seat hall; biathlon and cross country tracks on Mount Igman and many other new facilities.

Press centres and an Olympic village will be built as well as a new student hostel and new hotels providing 3,600 beds.

In Los Angeles there is relief that the wrangling is over and that the 1984 Olympic Games will be held there after all.

After the final contract, covering the contentious issue of financial responsibility, was signed in the White House last week, the mayor, Tom Bradley, spoke of Olympic fever, although the Games are still six years away. More practically, he said that the essential preparations needed to make the Games a success would begin without delay.

However, Los Angeles, hosts of the 1932 Olympics, have a head start. In the United States, it has the reputation of being a sporting Mecca, particularly in the fields of athletics and swimming and its climate is perfect. It already has a huge 94,000 capacity athletics stadium, which will be enlarged to hold 110,000 and improved.

The city boasts three other open air stadiums, and four large indoor arenas, all of which are well equipped and comfortable. The major requirements will be an Olympic swimming pool ($15m), a velodrome ($1m) and a rowing basin ($3m). Early estimates put the overall cost of the Games at between $250m and $300m—$100m of which will come from federal funds.—UPI and Agence France-Presse.

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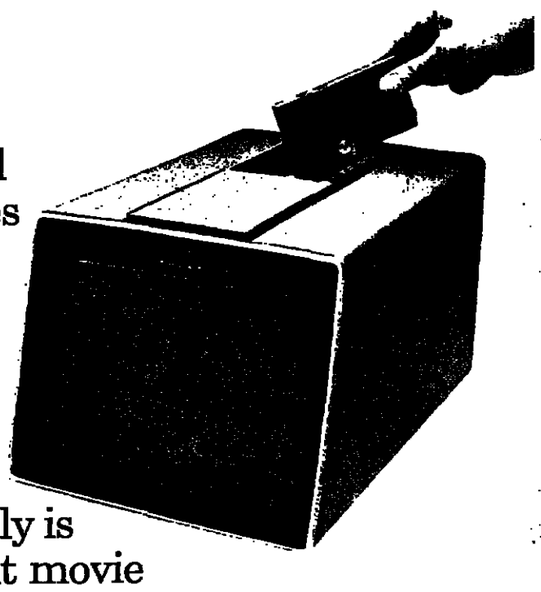


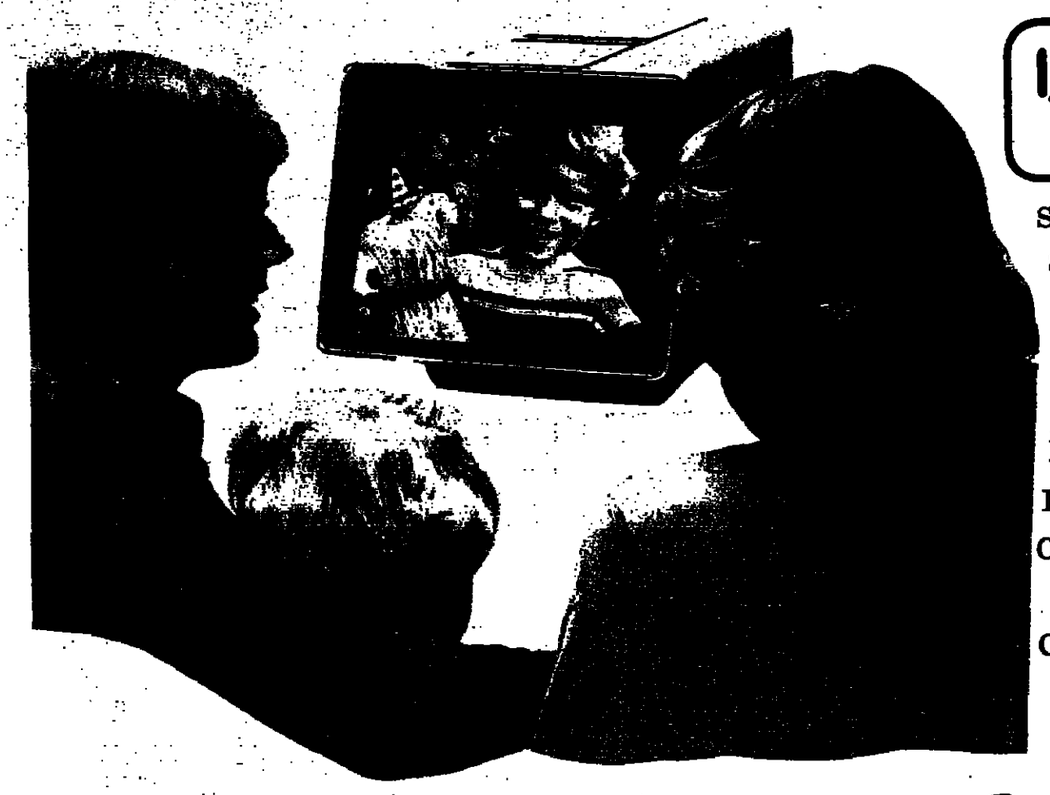
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Nicholas Bethell on the postwar intelligence documents still locked away

Why this extraordinary secrecy over the Palestine papers?

". . . His Highness informed a number of Press reporters in Jerusalem on 17th November that the matter was being studied by the Arab League, who would express the views of all Arab States in due course. Until then, no individual was entitled to express opinion. During a visit to Jerusalem, His Highness exerted a restraining influence on local politicians and discouraged the suggestion of debarring British and American goods in protest against the Statement of Policy."

The lines above are from a political report on Palestine in December, 1945, now available in the Public Record Office. It is one of a series of monthly summaries, a vital source for anyone interested in the Palestine conflict. But, after the end of 1945—even though, theoretically, official papers for 1946 and 1947 are open to the public under the 30-year rule—reports of this nature are no longer available. They can be requested by tapping the computer at the new "palace of documents" in Kew; but the answering print-out will always be a refusal.

Why is this? The reports for 1946 are no more sensitive or delicate than the 1945 ones. No one suggests that these reports on Palestine, drafted more than 30 years ago, could damage Britain's national interest now. Nor is there any question of harm or embarrassment to the people named in the distribution list. Mr A. J. Kellar, according to his *Who's Who* entry, ended his "attachment to the War Office" in 1965. The two majors are long since retired from their intelligence duties.

The problem is not the names of the two majors, but the naming of their organizations. According to a version of events which Whitehall has still not abandoned, intelligence bodies like MI2a ceased to exist as soon as the war ended. Such a well-behaved country as Britain, it is suggested, conducts overseas espionage only in time of war. Therefore any reference to these bodies (which of course continued in fact to exist) must be expunged from the record from 1946 onwards. The document in question, and very often its entire file since files cannot be split up, must be retained for 75 years in its department of origin.

This is why historians are finding far fewer interesting documents for the years 1946 and 1947 than for the years up to the end of 1945. Evan Luard, the Foreign Office Minister responsible for public records, writes that the rules under which his staff reviewed wartime papers "were more liberal and less restrictive than the criteria we are at present instructed to apply in respect of post-war papers".

Whitehall initially had some difficulty in squaring this policy with the requirements of the 30-year rule. What happened was that in November, 1967, shortly after the rule became law, Lord Chancellor Gardiner issued a general order for the retention of certain post-1945 intelligence-related documents, and this order was later interpreted by a Cabinet committee to include any paper that so much as mentions the existence of MI6 and similar bodies, even as a footnote in a distribution list. And, although the Cabinet are presently reconsidering the whole matter, as things now stand Lord Gardiner's edict is not due for review until 1992.

It is this 1967 signature that allows, on what many regard as a tenuous legal basis, the retention of large quantities of documents without reference to the present Lord Chancellor. Historians are used to the idea that Lord Elwyn-Jones is the only authority allowed to close documents for longer than 30 years. Under Section 3(4) of the Public Records Act 1958, documents may be retained in their departments after 30 years only when the Lord Chancellor "has been informed of the *facts* and given *his approval*". But, in the view of Whitehall, they already have approval to retain files that contain mention of an intelligence body. This approval was given in 1967 for a period of 25 years. They can and must retain the files in question. And there is no need to inform Lord Elwyn-Jones.

In June, 1976, senior records officer Harry Harcombe was able to write: "Of all the Foreign Office records relating to the Second World War, only about one per cent is still closed to public inspection, 99 per cent of them having been opened on January 1st, 1972". But an analysis of the years 1946-47 shows a retention of 102 boxes in the main political category known as "FO 371", about 3.5 per cent of the category. And the problem is not only the numerical increase, it is also the fact that the more historically interesting the file, the more likely it is to contain at least one intelligence reference. And this reference, however harmless after a gap of more than 30 years, is enough to keep the whole file out of circulation for 75 years.

The effect on the main Colonial Office category known as "CO 537" for the same two years has been even more severe. Nearly 20 per cent are unavailable, almost all because of Lord Gardiner's order, rather than because the present Lord Chancellor has specifically closed them—as he may under the Act for various good reasons. Of the 164 of these files about Palestine, the most interesting as well as the most sensitive subject in 1947, no fewer than 81 have been retained.

The Foreign Office used to be able to give historians extracts from closed documents or even show them the occasional crucial file, after removing the offending intelligence reference. But now the volume of retained files is so great that they have neither the staff nor the desks to cope with the demand. They can no longer be as helpful as they once were. Nor will the problem disappear. No doubt next year we shall find the same level of retentions on the communist takeover in Czechoslovakia, the independence of India, the Berlin blockade and the revolution in China. And so it will continue.

So this is what the Cabinet will have to decide—a matter low on their list of priorities, but important to Britain's good name throughout the world as well as to the explorers of the Public Record Office. Will they maintain the fiction of MI6's postwar non-existence, broken though it is already by the references, in December, 1945, to sister organizations, as in the document shown above? (It was impracticable to divide 1945 into wartime and postwar boxes.) Will they leave things as they are, with half the documents on the peaks of Britain's postwar history locked in the strongroom for the benefit of a long-exploded myth?

They could, as a compromise solution, assign large teams of public servants to the excruciating task of extracting every intelligence document, photocopying it, whiting out the offending references and completing the file with photocopies of photocopies. Or they could modify Lord Gardiner's order and, while scrupulously protecting national security and the safety of individuals, allow symbolic references to the fact that this country employs overseas intelligence agents, as does every other. Whatever they decide, they will no doubt appreciate that the problem must be tackled soon—that it cannot wait until expiry of the order in 1992.



Lord Gardiner (left), who, as Lord Chancellor in 1967, put the additional restriction on intelligence documents; the Palestine papers are retained without reference to Lord Chancellor Elwyn-Jones (right).

Irish unity: the long-term answer to stalemate in the North

"The province is a political corpse . . . It will never generate a government—even were London to permit it a Protestant one—again, or say what future it wants for itself."

It is curious how little attention the recent public opinion poll on Northern Ireland conducted by the Strathclyde University Centre for the Study of State Policy received.

Its chief finding, that the present direct-rule system commands a wide degree of approval in the province, with no less than 79 per cent of Catholics and 72 per cent of Protestants accepting it, should, one would have thought, have been seen as extraordinary and revealing.

Direct rule is a system whereby the province, though part of the United Kingdom, has separate laws and a separate government, with those laws enacted in a parliament (Westminster) in which it has 2 per cent of the representation and administered by a government (Stormont) whose direction is reserved to mainland MPs. Direct rule is effectively colonial rule; no Northern Irish MP can hope for a job in the government of his own province.

Here then we have an indication that the people at the heart of the most complex political problem in Europe want nothing better than a system which excludes them from any significant voice in determining their own future. Which prompts the speculation that the Northern Ireland problem may best be seen as a problem, not of a nation struggling to be born, but of a political unit which would prefer to cease to exist, a geographical area which has not got the cohesion and collective will to generate for itself effective institutions, and whose population, as the poll shows, know it.

Nor, in the nature of things, can the Northern Irish be expected to articulate the incoherence of their society in any more positive way. The incoherence is collective; and the existence of widespread but differing positive individual views on what should happen to the province is perfectly compatible with that incoherence, and is indeed an indicator of it.

However popular direct rule may be, no one is going to campaign for a Northern Irish Westminster seat saying: "vote for me. I promise to do my best to perpetuate the direct-rule system which ensures I can have no hope of government office".

Nor need we expect this argument to appeal to London or Dublin politicians. These, and the British and southern Irish voters whose favour they wish to keep, have a desperate need for Northern Ireland to be a separate political unit, whether linked as now with Great Britain or (as Dublin would prefer) with southern Ireland.

They prefer to see the problem as basically sectarian, and wish to confine its unpleasant effects within the province's borders. The one argument they do not want to hear is that its sectarianism may be in large part a consequence of its being a separate political unit.

Yet all the facts point to that conclusion, to the view that the problem is, at basis, essentially political—a matter of whether the area shall be British or Irish.

No doubt it seemed in 1921 an acceptable compromise between the British and Irish claims to have it part of the United Kingdom while at the same time diluting its Britishness by requiring it to generate its own devolved government; but this well-meaning compromise has massively exacerbated the problem.

Andrew Boyd's *Holy War in Belfast* chronicles 50 deaths in sectarian rioting in the 50 years before devolution; in its first two years 300 were to die, and by now that ill-fated experiment has claimed over 2,500 lives.

Sectarianism was built into the 1920 settlement. The Northern Irish were told they could be British, but only at the price of generating their own government. But Protestantism is of the essence of Northern Ireland. The only possible source of motivation for a Northern Irish devolved government and police was (and remains) Protestant Unionism.

For the system to work, the province's politics had to divide on strictly sectarian lines; which it duly did.

It was a situation which was bound to go sour, with the northern Unionists (who were only trying to make best sense of an impossible situation not of their making) feeling massively misunderstood and the British and southern Irish feeling loftily superior about northern bigotry, and all the more determined that the province should remain a separate unit (thus ensuring the perpetuation of the sectarianism).

Historians will surely be harsh on the London and Dublin policy of trying to achieve power-sharing in the north: essentially this was a matter of insisting that Northern Ireland should continue to exist but should be prevented from being what it was set up to be—a Protestant state.

It asserted that the (Protestant) identity of Northern Ireland was so strong that the area had to have its own government and at the same time so weak that Protestant Unionists could be expected to join in running that government with Catholics who wanted to abolish it.

But as the long stalemate of direct rule, the general chaos of Northern Irish politics and now the CSSP public opinion poll show, the Northern Irish have had enough. However desperately London and Dublin politicians may prod at it, the province is now a political corpse. It will never generate a government—even, were London to permit it, a Protestant one—again, or say what future it wants for itself.

The compromise of 1921 is time-expired. London and Dublin must at last face the fact that they, and not the north's religious groupings, are the two main protagonists. The province should be fully British or fully Irish, with no more half-way-house solutions which only serve to ignite sectarian tensions.

What is to be done? While two thirds of the population look towards Britain, there is the inescapable difficulty that Britain will always keep the province at arm's length.

Integration will never be granted; and since devolution cannot work, the only future Britain can offer the province is the essentially colonial one of direct rule which, while it is the best solution today, cannot always be. The Northern Irish will in the end want a national identity in which they can be full and equal participants.

Since Great Britain will never grant them such, they must in the end look towards Dublin; for Dublin does at least hold itself open to integration, even if its commitment is very much a matter of "Lord, give us Irish unity—but not yet".

There is then a period of adjustment ahead. Inside Northern Ireland it will involve a disintegration of current political movements; no use looking for leads from Messrs West, Paisley, Craig and Fitt—they speak for the past from which their people wish to escape.

Positive action must come from London and Dublin. London must accept that since she will not integrate with the province she cannot for ever rule it. Dublin has to break out from the strait-jacket of Gaelic republicanism and show that her concept of "Ireland" is one to which the Northern Irish make an essential contribution; that today's Southern Irish state, for the reason that the "northern" Irish are excluded from it, is not "Ireland" and makes no claim to be; that she is open to the idea of institutional links with Britain.

It will all take time; but the adjustment—except perhaps on the part of Dublin—is well under way.

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The crowded prisons and the flood of lies

"We shall turn the prisons into schools." That was the boast of Le Duan, Secretary General of the Communist Party of Vietnam (which was incidentally one of the only two communist parties in the world outside the Soviet Empire itself—the other being the Cuban one—to applaud the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968) when South Vietnam finally fell. The reality has been somewhat different; the establishment of full totalitarian control throughout the South has resulted in a number of prisoners so vast (the Vietnamese authorities admitted at one point that 400,000 people were being held in prisons or camps, and reports from refugees, and sources still inside the country, put the present figure at twice that), that despite overcrowding in frightful conditions, the prisons of southern Vietnam have proved far too few and too small to hold all the victims of the new regime. Office buildings, hotels, orphanages *and schools* have been hurriedly turned into prisons to house the tens of thousands considered "unreliable" by Vietnam's rulers.

Yesterday, I gave some of the background to this story, and quoted from two memorable and moving documents, smuggled out of Vietnam and published with the full consent of the named signatories who gave that consent in the full knowledge of the reprisals that would inevitably follow. Today, I want to give some of the details of the conditions under which the prisoners of Vietnam live (and die).

The overcrowding of the political prisons is, to start with, such that it would involve the most appalling suffering by itself, without any ill-treatment being added. Prisons which were considered inhumanely crowded under the Thieu Government now commonly hold three to five times the number of prisoners then contained in them, and in some cases the proportion is even higher. In Le Van Duyet prison, for instance, at Gia Dinh, there were approximately 200 prisoners before Saigon fell; now, the place holds 2,000.

There are details available of the conditions of different categories of prisoner in this jail. Those described as "The most fortunate" are

> housed in cells built by the French more than 30 years ago, measuring 20 metres long by 3 metres wide, with a ceiling 6 metres high. The front and back of the cells are fitted with bars allowing the circulation of air. The prisoners have their own water supply. Under the former regime these cells contained 2-25 prisoners. Today 60-70 are crammed into each cell.

The next category, described as "The less fortunate", live like this:

> Each cell measures 8 metres in length, 5 metres in width and 3.5 metres in height. There is no ceiling, only a sheet of corrugated iron, creating an unbearable temperature. All sides are blocked in, and the only air supply for all 30-40 prisoners comes from an air vent in the wall measuring 10 cm x 15 cm. There is no water supply.

And "The least fortunate", who include new arrivals at the prison and for those prisoners from other categories who have offended against prison regulations, live thus:

> They are thrown into dungeons 2 m long, 1 m wide and 2 m high. The only air hole measures 10 x 15 cm.

Prisoners, in the jails and camps alike, are now allowed to communicate with their families, but only on two days a year: the festival of Tet and Labour Day. Even then, their letters must be confined to three formal statements: they must say that they are well, that the authorities are merciful, and that their families must do as the government tells them. The families themselves, if they are to have any hope of a prisoner's release, must indeed do as the government tells them; they must live where they are told, give up their possessions to the State, and work extra hours without pay. Prisoners whose families fail in such duties are held to fall short of the standards of "re-education" required for release. As for prisoners who themselves disobey, they may expect beatings or torture. One prisoner whose fate is known was Lieutenant-Colonel Pham Ba Ham; held in a concentration-camp, he was accused of helping an escape attempt by other prisoners, bludgeoned before the other prisoners and left without any medical treatment until he died.

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The number of those who have died in the camps cannot even be guessed at with any exactitude. The physical living conditions, the lack of contact with families, the pitiful rations, the punishments for any breach of prison discipline—these must have killed many, apart from those who have died of torture or beatings. A few names are known; in addition to the officer I have mentioned, there was a prominent lawyer, Tran Van Tuyen, adopted by Amnesty as a Prisoner of Conscience, who died in the Lao Cay concentration camp in April 1976—a fact only discovered much later, after the Vietnamese Prime Minister, Pham Van Dong, had stated in Paris in April 1977 that the prisoner was still alive. Other leading figures known to have died in prisons or camps include Nguyen Van Tu, President of the National Progress Movement and another leading lawyer, Luu Dinh Viep. In addition, various figures known for their opposition to the Thieu and other governments in South Vietnam during the war, and imprisoned by the victorious communist regime, have not been heard from or of for some time, and the belief grows that these, too, are dead; they include the Venerable Thich Quang Do, Secretary General of the Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam, and Thanh Thuong Hoang, President of the Vietnamese Press Trade Union.

And these, remember, were people who *opposed* the authorities in the South during the war; the fate of those who worked for them, or were in some other way involved with them, can only be guessed at. Moreover, totalitarian control in communist Vietnam is such that arrests can and do take place on grounds grimly reminiscent of Stalin's purges. For example, Nguyen Quant Tiem—not a public figure in any way, but a man who ran a radio shop in Saigon—was suspected of *an intention* to escape from Vietnam. There was no evidence that he had actually made any such attempt, but his son, Nguyen Quang Trung, was arrested on *suspicion* of "having cognizance" of the alleged intention, and charged with failing to denounce his father to the authorities.

When the United States was involved in the Vietnam war, fighting to prevent just such a regime coming to power throughout the South, as it had long since done in the North, the air was full of denunciations not merely of the methods used by the Americans in the war, but of their very participation. This was portrayed as an attempt to prevent the humane and democratic North Vietnamese (under the "agrarian reformer" Ho Chi Minh) from "liberating" South Vietnam. Those few in this country, like myself, who said, and went on saying, what such "liberation" would mean were abused as enemies of freedom and the allies of tyrants.

And now? Now that there is evidence of exactly what communist tyranny means in Vietnam (I provided one selection of such evidence rather more than a year ago, in a series of no fewer than six columns, and I do not suppose the two I have written this week will be the last), will those who worked assiduously against the South Vietnamese and American cause, and no less vigorously for the victory of the North, now don the garments of repentance and admit that, undemocratic though the South undoubtedly was, the totalitarian horror that now rules the whole country is almost immeasurably worse?

That, of course, is a rhetorical question. Already, there is a steady flow of reports praising the humanity, tolerance and democratic outlook of the rulers of Vietnam, and we may expect the flow to become a flood as those rulers, confident of their complete control of the country and of the extinction of all opposition to them, permit visits from western observers and journalists known to be sufficiently gullible to believe it when they hear it from their hosts.

I shall continue to provide, from time to time, a corrective. No notice will be taken of it, and it will have no effect on anybody. But until history is re-written altogether, it may be worth putting some of the truth on record, even though it is instantly submerged in the flood of lies. And perhaps, before that flood closes over our heads, we might contemplate this example of what freedom actually means in present-day Vietnam:

> Nguyen Van Dung, 18, lived in the Lu Gia quarter. A keen swimmer, he often swam across the Saigon river, and the 15 km of water separating the Bach Dang quay side to Thanh Da quarter. This aroused the suspicion of the communist authorities, who had him arrested on the mere "suspected intention of plotting to escape across the sea". The eight members of his family were all arrested with him, accused of being "possibly" involved in an "eventual" escape plot, and even the family dog, whimpering as it chased after the police van, was shot. Arrested in August, 1977, they are still detained in Le Van Duyet prison.

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● In his account of his visit to Romania where he was received by President Ceausescu for talks in Bucharest (What can we learn from the East European Experience? Oct 19), Mr David Steel, the Liberal Party Leader, appeared to suggest that neither Mr Callaghan nor Mrs Thatcher has paid an official visit to Romania for some time. This was an error. In fact, both have paid official visits during the present Parliament.

CHICAGO DIARY

New lease of life for Polish jokes

Chicago was delighted by Cardinal Wojtyla's election to the Papacy. He has been there twice and the newspapers could therefore print photographs of him in their city with the former Mayor, Richard Daley, or strolling round Polish neighbourhoods. The *Chicago Tribune*, in the second deck of its headlines on the evening Pope John Paul II's election was announced, informed its readers: "Chicago recalls Pope warmly. The new Pope is remembered by Chicago Catholics as a warm, deeply spiritual and charismatic personality."

The first comments of the local Polish clergy were equally enthusiastic and muddled. Bishop Alfred Abramowicz said that the new Pope "is going to be as lovable as John Paul". The *Chicago Sun-Times* discovered to its delight that in 1969 Cardinal Wojtyla had written an article for the paper on the *Humanae Vitae* encyclical.

The cardinal strongly defended the ban on contraception, saying: "It is impossible to reconcile the attitude of conscious parenthood with the contraceptive attitude or with any contraceptive method."

Chicago claims that 800,000 of its citizens are of Polish descent. It still has Polish newspapers and stores, although the Polish community is at last moving up in the world and its slums are being taken over by Mexicans. Every comment on the new Pope was accompanied by the claim that Chicago has the largest Polish population of any city in the world after Warsaw.

The claim is obvious nonsense and a demonstration of how little is known of modern Poland. The other point, made hopefully by Poles and sometimes maliciously by others, is that the election might mark the end of Polish jokes. The point of them is always the Poles' stunning stupidity.

American Poles are astonishingly sensitive, much more so than the Irish or Scots who have similarly unfavourable characteristics in English folklore. They are going to be disappointed: the election of a Polish Pope simply gives the comics a chance to develop Polish Pope jokes.

Little interest in foreign smog

When asked what his experience of foreign affairs might amount to, apart from a two-week trip to London last year, Governor Jim Thompson of Illinois forms a round zero with his thumb and finger and shows no sign of regret. Chicago is a huge city, as big as London, 1,000 miles from the sea and sufficient unto itself. One of its nineteenth-century mayors said that he would punch the Prince of Wales on the snoot if he ever visited the city.

The tallest building in the world, the Sears Tower, is in Chicago, and from the top of it the city stretches as far as the eye can see everywhere except to the east, where the lake spreads out to the horizon. You can see much farther first thing in the morning than second thing, when the daily smog rises from the freeways.

Brawl over candidate

When Ralph Metcalfe, the black Congressman and former Olympic athlete from South Chicago, died two weeks ago, the local ward committee on instructions from City Hall, promptly chose a party hack to replace him in next month's election. The voting on the 10-man committee was seven to three, and was the occasion of an astonishing public brawl, with members of the committee shouting at each other and swearing at members of the audience who demanded some say in the matter.

The machine can still deliver and the replacement, Mr Bennett Stewart, is sure of election. The Republicans tried to find a presentable candidate (usually they don't bother), not with any hope of winning but just to make some political milage out of the issue elsewhere.

They failed. There are not very many black Republicans in South Chicago and Mr Metcalfe won 92.3 per cent of the vote last time.

A similar loyalty is shown in Detroit, where Congressman Charles Diggs, one of the leading blacks in Congress, will win reelection with no trouble at all. He got 89 per cent of the vote in 1976.

Campaign that backfired

In Michigan the Republican Governor, William Milliken is, as usual, facing a stiff reelection battle and, as usual, will probably scrape home safely. His Democratic opponent, Mr William Fitzgerald, thought he had a good issue: polybrominated biphenyl, or PBB. This is used in fireproofing. Five years ago a few bags of it were fed by mistake to some unsuspecting cattle and 28,000 of them had to be slaughtered.

Some of the stuff had got into the state's food supply. Mr Fitzgerald said that it was all the Governor's fault and ran some commercials describing what it does to mice in large enough doses. They implied that the same sort of thing was happening to the people of Michigan: "Loss of hair, memory loss, blindness, liver cancer, birth defects, genetic mutation . . . everybody is going to get a taste of this stuff before it's all over with."



The commercials proved counterproductive. They obviously grossly overstated the case. Mr Fitzgerald has had to revert to the usual tactic of proposing to bring in the millennium the day he is inaugurated.

The Senate race is going to be closer, however. Senator Robert Griffin, who has held the seat for the Republican Party for 12 years, is in grave danger. He announced a year ago that he would not stand for reelection, after Senate Republicans had preferred Senator Howard Baker as minority leader, instead of him, by one vote.

Party leaders, including former President Ford who is from Michigan, persuaded him to change his mind when it became apparent that they had no other candidate who stood a chance of winning. This was bad luck for a Republican Congressman from the north, Mr Philip Ruppe, who had announced his departure from the House in the hope of winning Mr Griffin's place in the Senate.

A joke from across the lake in Canada. Question: why can't they bury René Lévesque, Prime Minister of Quebec, in Ontario? Answer: because he isn't dead yet, of course.

Spelling crusade is given up

The *Chicago Tribune* is unquestionably one of the best newspapers in America. It says so itself. It is less fun than it used to be, however: it has recently given up the attempt to modernize the spelling of English single-handed. No longer does it write "cigaret" "thru", "tho" and so on.

It was the *Tribune* that splashed that famous headline on the night of the 1948 presidential election, announcing Dewey's victory over Truman. The paper has put on a good face to the disaster ever since. After all, anyone can make a mistake. There was worse than an error of judgment, however. There was the ultimate typographical error and every student of journalism ever since has noticed it, studying this famous front page. One of the paragraphs in the lead story was printed upside down.

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WHAT VAUXHALL'S VOTE MEANS

might seem paradoxical to ert that yesterday's vote by uxhall workers against strike ion was above all a vote for e collective bargaining and ainst the intrusion of political siderations into the industrial gotiating process; but it is so. eir union representatives had couraged them to join the Ford rkers in flouting the govern-nt's five per cent pay guide-es, and helping to make them discredited obstacle to other ups of workers following be-d. Vauxhall usually waits to what Ford settles at and then ikes a bargain at roughly the e rate, so the vote went ainst habit as well as advice. this stage of the year—and this r particularly—every major tlement is closely studied by se still preparing their own ims. But the Vauxhall wor-s showed no interest in setting to blaze a trail for others. r does it appear that they were ich preoccupied with the eat of government sanctions ainst companies that settle out-e the official limits. They rply wanted to make their own cision about what it was sonable to expect from an em-yer placed as theirs is.

Their vote will still have all the litical significance that the ion officials sought; but tead of weakening the govern-nt's hand, it greatly engthens it. It continues the nd of the recent very similar te by Kodak manual workers. th Vauxhall and Kodak wor-s were making realistic judg-nts about the economic effects of their actions of exactly the kind that Mr Callaghan has been urging trade unionists to make. But in the nature of things workers in different companies will find that realism will lead them to widely differing conclusions.

The Ford workers, faced with an offer of five per cent and productivity deals that would no doubt have led to substantially greater rewards, walked out without even waiting to hear the details. The Vauxhall employees, receiving a similar offer, have decided at least to wait and hear the full details. The Ford action was claimed to be a major setback to government policy, and so it was. But the motives of those who took it probably had less to do with politics than with an intelligent consciousness of their company's annual results. Ford had pre-tax profits of £246m last year and was almost certain, until the strike began, to do better still this year. Vauxhall, with roughly half as large a workforce, had an operating profit of only £15m last year, representing a net loss of £2m. The company is painfully climbing back to profitability after several years of heavier losses. Its manual workers still recall five weeks spent without pay last year during a strike of fitters. When the company claims that it could offer no more even in the absence of wage limits, it is not difficult for the workers to believe it. They have every reason to understand that a strike now would jeopardise profits, investment and ultimately jobs.

These two pragmatic groups of workers may seem in one case to vindicate those seeking to open the way for big cash settlements, and in the other to vindicate the government's policy of pressure from above. More probably both represent a trend that may be healthier than either in the long run—a desire for free collective bargaining, not as a synonym for unrestrained competition between inflationary claims, but as a sober means of letting market forces work themselves out in the actual circumstances of different companies.

There is steady evidence from opinion polls that most trade unionists fully accept the gravity of the general connexion between large wage settlements and inflation. They are still easily stampeded into irresponsible action, of course. At Fords, it can be said that government inflexibility helped to stampede them. At Vauxhall it seemed quite possible beforehand that the trade union politicians would overbear their opponents by manipulating the feelings of a mass meeting. Mr Hugh Scanlon hastened to claim yesterday that the result showed that mass meetings were not undemocratic. Certainly it shows that where eighty per cent at a meeting reject the rhetoric of the shop stewards, the bandwagon can roll in an unexpected direction. But what if there had been sixty per cent against a strike, or fifty-two? Responsible trade unionists—and they are in the majority—cannot make their true strength felt unless the unions enable them to express their opinions free of pressure, in a secret ballot.

THE NUANCES OF REHABILITATION

hind all the fanfare accom-nying Mr Teng Hsiao-ping's sit to Tokyo, behind all the ow of Chinese delegations to e West in search of technology speed China's industrializa-on, behind the open, frank peaking of this fast changing untry, the inner sanctums of ower in Peking remain as osed to outside scrutiny as er. What are we to make of e latest "leak" to foreign ws agencies in Peking from a eliable" or an "authoritative" urce that China's one-time ad of state and most ominent party leader, Mr Liu ao-chi, is still alive?

t is true that no official ort of his death ever came m Peking. But the disappear-e of public faces during and ce the cultural revolution in ina became so common that se "unpersons" dropped out the news completely. Mr Liu s the most "unperson" of all, elled China's Khrushchev, an h-revisionist, a sinister iltrator into the Chinese Com-nist Party whose devilish entions had been skilfully ncealed for years until the tural revolution exposed him. e lying and vulgar abuse was dless. So when a communist wspaper in Hongkong said in 1974 that Mr Liu had died it was believed.

It is not difficult to guess why the truth may have to be told about this man who had suffered so much from lies. The rehabilitation of political casualties has been an issue in China ever since Mr Teng's name reappeared in a guest list in 1973. Since then his return to power, his fall and his rise to greater power than ever has been a focus of interest, the more so when several of his collaborators, not least Chairman Hua, who rose to power over Mr Teng's second fall, were all beneficiaries of the cultural revolution. It has been assumed that most of those recently rehabilitated have owed it to him just as those deemed to be hangers-on of the "gang of four" have been edged out of power by Mr Teng's pressure.

Inevitably the rehabilitation in some form of Mr Liu came into question. Mr Teng was his close collaborator as secretary-general of the party in 1966. They both fell together. Would he not be bound to make some case for his old comrade, even post-humously? The difficulty is that each incident of party history has to be weighed in the political balance as much as the individuals involved in it. Thus the lately eased out Mr Wu Teh, Mayor of Peking, was directly involved in suppressing the demonstrations in favour of the deceased Chou En-lai in April, 1976. But since the party has not agreed on its reappraisal of the political character of that incident (touching so closely on the careers of Chairman Hua and Mr Teng) Mr Wu's dismissal had to avoid any reference to the real reason for his going; it was his administration of Peking that had come under criticism, it was explained, and it was best that he should make way for another.

So Mr Liu Shao-chi and the cultural revolution combined present a very thorny problem indeed. What might such a reappraisal have to conclude about Chairman Mao and his treatment of an old colleague? At most, say the authoritative sources, the problem of "assessing his role and reinstating him in Chinese history" is being looked into. It will certainly be a stain on that history if nothing is done. And if and when it is Mr Liu's mortality will have to be made official. At least he has already joined the exclusive group of those able to read their own obituary in the newspapers, *The Times*, among them.

BOYCOTT'S WINTER OF DISCONTENT

e men who administer York-ire cricket have, over the ars, established a well-deserved putation for mishandling and tagonizing players, and alienat-the cricket-loving public by ir lack of tact, insensitivity d general hamfistedness. For e most part, the Boycott affair nfirmed that pattern. With gular maladroitness, Mr Boy-tt was tersely deposed from the ptaincy of Yorkshire, without hearing, the announcement of e decision being made shortly er the death of his mother.

The Yorkshire committee's tement on Monday evening, lowing its meeting with Mr ycott, was rather more sen-ble. It emphasized what most jective observers of Yorkshire cket would accept: that Mr ycott's feats of batsmanship e not matched by his ability as ptain. He is perhaps too self-ntred a batsman, and too necessarily severe a critic of e performance of others, to be good captain. He does not, as e committee pointed out, bring t the best in his players and it an unfortunate fact that many the team did not have confi-nce in his leadership. The rkshire committee did well, too, to take no action on the remarks Mr Boycott made on television. The committee of even a few years ago would have probably over-reacted to a similar event, which suggests that even Yorkshire cricket administrators may be capable of shedding the aggressively paternalistic attitude which has governed them in the past.

One area of disquiet remains. In divesting Boycott of the captaincy, Yorkshire appointed John Hampshire in his place. Mr Hampshire has admittedly had a good season as a batsman and, in Boycott's absence, had considerable success as captain. Nevertheless, as recently as July, he had been disciplined by the same Yorkshire committee for what amounted to an act of deliberate disloyalty to his captain Boycott. In conducting a "go-slow" innings in admitted protest against the slow rate of Boycott's innings in the same match, Hampshire was rightly, though leniently, disciplined by the committee. It is unfortunate that the committee, less than three months later, appears to have in effect condoned and indeed rewarded that act of disloyalty to his captain. It can only support those cricketers who believe that rejection of discipline is the path to greater glory; and act as a bad example to younger players. The Board of Admiralty might have been right had they lost confidence in Bligh but would have been wrong to replace him with Christian as Captain of the Bounty.

It is to be hoped, nevertheless, that Yorkshire can put the unhappy events of the past few months behind it, and embark on a renewed period of cricketing success. The appointment of Mr Ray Illingworth as the county's general manager augurs well. His personality and his astute cricketing brain are bound to have a considerable influence on Yorkshire's sporting fortunes. It would be far better for the side if Geoffrey Boycott continued to play. He is a deep and complex person, and will make up his own mind, but the thought cannot be far from his own mind that it might be better for him, too, to continue to play for the only side, other than England, to which he can have any real allegiance. As a batsman he is the "sun of York" and should not be eclipsed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A new system of examinations

From Mr Norman St John-Stevas, MP for Chelmsford (Conservative)

Sir, May I express my broad agreement with your excellent leader on the Government's proposed new examination system published this morning (October 24). The heart of the matter is precisely "A question of confidence". Any new system which is to command public and professional confidence must retain the O and A levels which are the bulwarks for academic standards and the independence and objectivity of the GCE Boards.

I was surprised to read the report on your front page that Mrs Williams had stated that "the best reply" to my objections to her scheme was "the support the proposals had been given by the Conservative controlled Association of County Councils". She will have to think up a better reply than that. The facts are that it was only last month that I met representatives of the Education Committee of the ACC and they made it quite clear to me that they wished O and A levels to be retained and CSE arrangements improved.

Indeed their views have exercised a major influence on the development of Conservative policy. The Association of Metropolitan Authorities is on public record as wanting the retention of O and A levels, so where is Mrs Williams' much vaunted local education authority support? It seems as illusory as that of the CBI whose approval she claimed along with local education authorities in various broadcasts on Monday.

In fact the CBI expressed grave doubts about the Waddell Report recommendations earlier this month and their official spokesman stated yesterday, commenting on her White Paper, "We don't want it as it stands. We are concerned that it will be difficult for one examination to cover the ability range covered by the other two exams."

The signs, then, are that the Government's proposals are not likely to command the professional and public confidence which is essential if they are to succeed.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN ST JOHN-STEVAS,
House of Commons.
October 24.

Race and education

From Professor Kenneth Kirkwood

Sir, Auschwitz, I recently visited, with its exhibits showing the charts of genealogical "taint" which warranted the instant extermination, or condemnation to lethal slave labour, of "inferior" peoples, allows no doubt about the importance of the current initiative of the National Union of Teachers to extend and to improve knowledge in the field of race, culture, intelligence etc.

Experience over decades in close association with teachers, confirms the need for constant attention to the testing and refining of details of policy and practice in this area of knowledge, in Britain as elsewhere.

Yours truly,
KENNETH KIRKWOOD,
St Antony's College,
Oxford.
October 23.

Old Bailey report

From the Courts Administrator of the Central Criminal Court

Sir, In your issue of October 19, is an article entitled "Lambeth denies being negligent over girl".

The following sentence appears in it: "Judge King-Hamilton ordered an investigation, saying that 'the girl had been allowed out all night'". I am asked by Judge King-Hamilton to point out that:—

(i) He has no jurisdiction to make such an order and did not do so. The transcript from the official shorthand note makes it clear that what he said was ". . . in the absence of full information as to how it came about, it would be improper for me to condemn anyone . . . but the incident calls for the fullest investigation and I direct that my comments are brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities".

(ii) He did not say that "the girl had been allowed (my italics) out all night". I again quote from the transcript "It appears . . . that she had been enabled to go out". The Judge then went on to postulate various possibilities as to how that might have happened: ie. "she got out by some trick or by breaking the rules, or because of negligence on the part of those in authority . . ." concluding with the final possibility ". . . or if, perhaps (she was) quite deliberately allowed to go"

I am, Sir,
RICHARD GROBLER,
Old Bailey, EC4.
October 20.

Competing less

From Mr P. D. Rossdale

Sir, On reading Professor Ivor Mills' letter at breakfast today (October 20), my brain was so stimulated that I was compelled to write to you lest my newly awakened energy should find itself directed into violent channels. Should I therefore give up reading *The Times*?

Was it not Pasteur who said "Work, will and success, between them fill human existence"? The Professor seems to be suggesting less of all three as a recipe for survival.

As rabies spreads nearer to our country I am glad Pasteur did not subscribe to this view.

Yours faithfully,
PETER D. ROSSDALE,
Romney House,
Dullingham Road,
Newmarket,
Suffolk.
October 20.

From Mr M. M. Charlish

Sir, Professor Ivor H. Mills in today's columns (October 20) advocates uncompetitiveness. Does next year's Cambridge crew agree with him?

Yours faithfully,
M. McEWEN CHARLISH,
132 Park Lane,
Carshalton,
Surrey.
October 20.

Controlling inflation by incomes policy

From Mr Peter Horden, MP for Horsham and Crawley (Conservative)

Sir, I do not think it is right to criticize Mr Heath for not following the party line. Nobody should doubt that what he says is what he believes to be in the best interests of the country, and as he has always said, he wishes to be judged by actions, not words.

What he did, as Prime Minister, was to try to control inflation by prices and incomes policy alone. Indeed, he thought then, and still seems to think now, that to increase the supply of money would help to improve industrial activity and employment, what it did was to fuel inflation, and ultimately, to depress industrial activity and increase unemployment.

Some people seem to think that the present Government is following a more virtuous policy. Look at the slow rate of growth in the money supply, they say. But it depends which measurement you take, and on one measure, the money supply has already been increased to dangerous levels.

But, in addition to that, and this is something the last Conservative Government did not do, Mr Healey has increased public expenditure so much, and borrowed so much, that there is no room now for both the present level of public expenditure, and for any real growth in the private sector without pushing up inflation once more.

The policies of Mr Healey have condemned our country to high unemployment, and probably to high inflation as well. From this there seems no escape unless public expenditure is controlled, and taxation is reduced. But this is not what socialists do.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HORDEN,
House of Commons.

From Mr J. I. M. Rhodes

Sir, In his letter which you printed on October 23, Lord Boyd-Carpenter advocates what he calls the indirect method of securing a reasonable rate in the growth of earnings. He explains that this would entail controlling public sector incomes by cash limits and relying on persuasion backed by monetary and fiscal pressures in the private sector. As it is already apparent that persuasion does not work, the second resort would quickly become necessary.

But what Lord Boyd-Carpenter does not tell us is how he would prevent employees in the public secror being hit twice; first by the cash limits and then by the monetary and fiscal measures. Unless of course he really does believe that our best nurses and teachers should transfer their services to Fords, leaving us with second rate health and educational services.

If this is Lord Boyd-Carpenters design for a battleship it is hardly surprising that some of his colleagues are seeking to torpedo it!

Yours faithfully,
J. I. M. RHODES,
Quintins,
Watersfield,
Sussex.

Checks on juries

From Professor John Griffith

Sir, My only chance, slim though it is, of a place in the history books of our time is that I may be recorded as the person to whom the Attorney-General's communication on the guidelines on jury checks (October 11) happened to be addressed.

Sir, I have read these with great care. I note that two principles are set down: that jurors should be selected at random and that only certain statutory disqualifications should apply to this selection. I note further that, "however", in certain special cases "of public importance" these statutory safeguards "may not be sufficient to ensure the proper administration of justice".

These cases are "impossible to define precisely" but "broadly speaking" they include cases where "strong political motives" are involved. In such cases the panel of jurors may be "investigated" through the good offices of the Criminal Record Office, the Special Branch and local CID officers. Then the names of possible jurors may be removed.

I note further that it is for the Director of Public Prosecutions (or his Deputy) to determine what case is "of public importance", what is "the proper administration of justice", what is the "precise definition", what is "broadly" speaking, when "political motives" are "strong". When, in short, the "lines" should "guide".

And I conclude, Sir, that we have handed over to a public official in a public document, all open and above-board, without further secrecy and deception, the age-old practice of rigging juries.

Yours truly,
J. A. G. GRIFFITH
Professor of Public Law
in the University of London,
Houghton Street, WC2.

Visiting prisoners

From Lady Chancellor

Sir, Your thoughtful, realistic leader on the present state of prisons (October 10) concludes as follows:

". . . failing the urgent injection of massive funds . . . it is only possible to tinker with the system. If applied to sufficient areas such tinkering could have a marked—cumulative—effect."

I wish to commend to your notice an instance of "tinkering" that is urgently overdue.

It is now generally agreed, that the vital factor in the rehabilitation of a married prisoner is a continued contact with his wife and family during his imprisonment—and the existence of a home and family to return to—on his release. It should, therefore, not require the intervention of trained sociologists (though they would certainly provide it) to confirm the validity of the following statement:

"Whenever a husband is allowed by the Governor to see his wife, it should be made financially possible for her to make the visit." A small proportion of prisoners wives are able to pay their own fares. A further proportion never visit their husbands at all. The third—overwhelming proportion of wives—who subsist entirely on social security are dependent on travel warrants to cover their fares to the prison.

These travel warrants (issued in exchange for visiting orders) are valid for monthly visits only. Therefore, when a wife gets a fortnightly visiting order from her husband, she cannot make the two extra visits without spending money that she has not got.

Surely no "urgent injection of massive funds" would be required to implement this uncontroversial, modest, inconspicuous reform?

Yours faithfully,
SYLVIA CHANCELLOR,
The Priory,
Ditcheat,
Shepton Mallet.
October 11.

Doom stop-watch

From Dr Brian Lloyd

Sir, Your Cambridge correspondent Mr Ward (October 9) asks two questions examined in my Presidential address to the Physiology and Biochemistry section of the British Association in Cambridge in 1965. When a man runs a mile, energy for covering about 150 metres comes from a store in the muscles which does not require oxygen, and the energy for the other 1,459 metres comes from the oxidation of muscle glycogen by blood-borne oxygen.

My analysis indicated that the store has not increased in the last 100 years, whereas the rate of oxygen use, which is primarily limited by the rate at which blood is pumped by the heart to the legs, has increased steadily, by about 12 per cent in a century. There is as yet no sign that the increase in the capacity for using oxygen is slowing down, and one can fairly expect a further increase in this capacity of another 10 or 12 per cent by 2080, with a mile record then of about 3 minutes 25 seconds.

This improvement can be attributed to better training, particularly perhaps of the adolescent heart at altitude, better physique and dedication, partly resulting from voluntary selective mating, and better society searching out and development of talent from an increasing and increasingly available world population. The optimization of the mile-running physique in a population of 10 or 20 milliard (United States billion) people will not be complete by AD 2080 or 2180, but may well be so by 3000, when one can expect a mile record of about 3 minutes.

The improvement in male sprinting over the years is in my view largely due to an increasing rate of expenditure of the energy store, whereas my analysis of women's records in 1965 indicated, rather surprisingly, that the 10 per cent improvement in the 100 metres world record over the previous 40 years was largely due to improved oxygen use. Whatever the cause, women have improved much faster than men, and are still improving about twice as fast, so that overall they now run about 10 per cent slower than men, whereas 50 years ago they were 20 per cent-30 per cent slower.

In 1965 I predicted for the year 2000 8.6 seconds for the 100 yards, 42.4 seconds for the 440 yards, 3 minutes 41 seconds for the mile, 26 minutes 8.4 seconds for the 10,000 metres, and 2 hours 2 minutes for the Marathon.

The relative excellence of a record is indicated by the time for which it stands. Gunder Haegg's record for the mile stood for nearly nine years until Bannister broke it, and his record for 3,000 metres stood for 7 years, for the 2 miles for 8, for 3 miles for 11, and for 5,000 metres for nearly 12 years, while Rudolf Harbig's 800 metres in 1:46.6 stood for 16 years until 1955.

Horses carrying women run twice as fast as women not carrying horses; as far as my researches go the effect of the sex of the steed is smaller than that of the rider.

Yours faithfully,
B. B. LLOYD, Director,
Oxford Polytechnic,
Headington,
Oxford.
October 16.

Middle East talks

From Mr R. O. Leavor

Sir, Mr Adams (article, October 17) really is naive! How can he expect the Israelies to talk about withdrawal from the West Bank and the Golan Heights when there are no negotiators, ie, Jordanians and Syrians, to negotiate with? On the other hand we can see that when there are negotiators willing to talk to each other benefits accrue to each side.

Come on, Mr Adams, use your considerable influence on other Arab states to talk!

Yours faithfully,
R. O. LEAVOR,
76 Heaton Park Drive,
Bradford,
Yorkshire.

Saving HMS Ark Royal

From Mr Alan Hamilton

Sir, If, as you report today (October 23), an attempt is to be made to save the Ark Royal, surely her ideal resting place would be her birthplace. As the City of Liverpool has ambitious plans to create from its redundant dockland one of the largest maritime museums in Europe, it would seem fitting that its attractions should include one of our largest warships, riding at anchor a mile or so from the Birkenhead slipway that launched her.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN HAMILTON,
69 Bedford Road,
Hitchin,
Hertfordshire.

Lord Boothby on Churchill

From Lord Boothby

Sir, In reply to Lady Soames's letter (October 24), I can only say that Sir John Colville's letter about me was far more insulting than mine about him. It was also untrue.

Sir Winston Churchill himself decided to set up a select committee of the House of Commons in 1940 to inquire into my conduct, without seeing me, without the approval of the War Cabinet, and against the advice of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood. Afterwards he upbraided Sir Archibald Sinclair for offering me a commission in the Royal Air Force, sent me no line of sympathy when my father died, and when a Member of Parliament asked him what he thought I ought to do, said: "Join a Bomb Disposal Squad." If this is not a man-hunt, I don't know what is.

I wish that, before they burst into print about it, people would read my book.

Your obedient servant,
BOOTHBY,
House of Lords.
October 24.

From Mr Denis Kelly

Sir, As a mere literary devil I have long hesitated to intervene in the controversy between Sir John Colville and Lord Boothby, but I catalogued all Sir Winston Churchill's private papers and was physically at his side when he wrote his six volumes on the Second World War and his four volumes on the History of the English Speaking Peoples. I frequently lunched and dined with him alone and during the 12 years from 1947 to 1959 he discussed, in complete frankness and confidence, nearly every leading political figure from Julius Caesar to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

I have no intention of breaking this confidence, but I feel it my duty to place on record that, though he frequently and fiercely attacked policies and actions, he never, apart from Hitler and certain Soviet leaders, made a single cruel remark about the men who formulated and carried them out.

His intellectual canacity can, perhaps, at least be partially judged by the quality of his literary work.

Your obedient servant,
DENIS KELLY,
Lamb Building,
Temple, EC4.
October 23.

From Mr John Spearman

Sir, I am surprised that in the recent spate of letters about Sir Winston Churchill's "streak of cruelty" no one seems able to accept that he was *both* cruel and kind. Man's nature is made up of such paradoxes and Churchill—sacred cow though he may have become—is surely no exception.

Yours, etc,
JOHN SPEARMAN,
56 Chipstead Street, SW6.
October 22.

From Miss Elisabeth Tusler

Sir, I would like to remind Lord Boothby that no one can be called unimportant, however eminent or humble.

Yours faithfully,
ELISABETH TUSLER,
13a Archer Road,
Penarth,
South Glamorgan.
October 23.

Cricket troubles

From Mrs Margaret Hunt

Sir, In reply to Mr F. S. Trueman's letter (October 21), may I quote a passage from his autobiography, *Ball of Fire*?

After stating that he is not too enthusiastic about Mr Boycott as a captain Mr Trueman goes on to say: "I do concede that he has had nothing much to play with.

"You can't win championships with the squad he has to lead. I don't expect Yorkshire to be the cock county until around 1979."

It seems inconsistent for Mr Trueman now to say that the reason for Yorkshire's lack of success is the captaincy of Mr Boycott, when he clearly accepts that the team were not capable of winning the championship in any event.

May I also comment on Mr J. B. Durrant-Measey's letter, (October 21), with regard to Mr E. R. Dexter's accusation that Mr Boycott was disloyal (following remarks which he made before his appearance on the Parkinson show), Mr Boycott's remarks were regarded by most sporting journalists in the manner in which they were intended: as a joke.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET HUNT,
5 Longfellow Place,
Eaton Ford,
Huntingdon,
Cambridgeshire.
October 21.

From Mr C. F. A. T. Halliday

Sir, Mr F. S. Trueman (October 21), declares that under Geoff Boycott's captaincy, Yorkshire's playing results have been the worst for a hundred years.

Surely he must realize the main reason for this apparent failure? For years the other sixteen first class counties have been relying on the services of players imported from overseas, whereas Yorkshire have continued to make birth in the county the first qualification.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES HALLIDAY,
5 Grassington Road,
Eastbourne.

Cooling cocoa

From Mr Frank Norman

Sir, The Home Office have vehemently denied that drugs have ever been used to control violent or troublesome prisoners. Would they also deny that prison cocoa is frequently dosed with bromide, a sedative that, in this context, is intended to reduce the inmates' sexual impulses.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK NORMAN,
5 Seaford Court,
220 Great Portland Street, W1.

atanic mills

om Mr J. Cryer

r. Why does Mr Jack Lindsay ctober 23) seek to impose ncreteness on the images of our ost gloriously visionary poet?

The view that Blake's dark satanic lls are metaphors for an inhumane ciety is strengthened not only by eir use in this way in many places his writings, but by the fact that all probability he never saw a el mill or a textile mill.

"Milton" was written between 04 and 1808. The industrial revo-tion had barely begun, and the st factories were built in the rth, not in London or Felpham ere Blake lived.

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CRYER,
plow,
lelside Road, NW3.

niversity entry standards

om Professor Max Beloff

. Benjamin Jowett would have en surprised to learn that what had for Balliol is not necessarily bad for the nation. Balliol men all over the world may equally find this opinion coming from the Master unwelcome.

For those of us who are not Balliol men, the issue is a more serious one. Dr Kenny, a supporter of the Labour Party, now publicly admits that the Party's education policy is leading to universities being required to lower their entry standards. (They cannot all rely, as Balliol could, on the private sector.) Hitherto this contention has been vehemently denied by Labour Party spokesmen. Now this has become common ground.

What follows? Unless Britain is to accept a second class role in science and the humanities, there will have to be a lengthening of the period of university study. How is the country to finance this at a time when public expenditure is under such pressure?

Perhaps Dr Kenny can tell us?

Yours truly,
MAX BELOFF, Principal,
The University College at Buckingham,
Buckingham.
October 21.

Mind-games

From Mrs Katharine Thwaites

Sir, In your leading article (October 19) you attach curiously little significance to your own statements that Korchnoi "seems to have been genuinely affected for the worse by the Russian parapsychologist" and that "the jury seem to have been more favourable to Karpov". If indeed Korchnoi has had to cope with a biased jury, as well as a successful attempt to undermine his game, then to criticize Korchnoi's behaviour while complimenting Karpov on the correctness of his is surely to add insult to injury.

Whatever the facts of the case, it serves as a valuable illustration of a shatteringly successful psychological technique whereby attention is diverted from an act of injustice by means of condemning, or better still ridiculing the behaviour of those who react strongly to that injustice. Thus are Communist governments enabled to combine their perfidious practices with a minimum of public outrage.

Yours faithfully,
KATHARINE THWAITES,
The Old House, Westfield College,
Hampstead, NW3.

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…CKINGHAM PALACE
…tober 24: His Excellency …nsieur Nadim Dimechkié and …dame Dimechkié were received … farewell audience by The Queen …s morning and took leave upon …s Excellency relinquishing his …pointment as Ambassador Extra…dinary and Plenipotentiary from …e Republic of Lebanon to the …urt of St James's and Doyen of …e Diplomatic Corps, when Her …ajesty invested him with the …signia of a Knight Grand Cross … the Royal Victorian Order.

His Excellency Mr Ibrahim …siddin was received in audience … The Queen and presented the …tters of Recall of his predeces…r and his own Letters of …edence as Ambassador Extra…dinary and Plenipotentiary from …e Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan … the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied … the following members of the …mbassy, who had the honour of …ing presented to Her Majesty: …r Kasim Ghazzawi (Counsellor), …iss Zein Rifai (Counsellor …nformation)), Mr Asef Halasa …irst Secretary), Mr Naif al-…adi (Second Secretary), Major …hmed Khreisat (Attaché …Administration)), Miss Lina …ukan (Third Secretary) and Mr …ami Jayousi (Attaché (Medical)).

Mrs Isiddin had the honour of …ing received by The Queen.

Mr John Graham (Deputy …nder-Secretary of State for …oreign and Commonwealth …ffairs), who had the honour of …ing received by Her Majesty, …as present and the Gentlemen … the Household in Waiting were … attendance.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force …r John Grandy had an audience … The Queen upon his appoint…ent as Constable and Governor …f Windsor Castle.

Her Majesty held a Council at 12.40 o'clock this afternoon.

There were present: The Right …on Michael Foot, MP (Lord …resident), the Right Hon David …nnals, MP (Secretary of State …or Social Services), the Right …on Samuel Silkin, MP (Attorney …eneral) and the Right Hon Alan …illiams, MP (Minister of State, …epartment of Industry).

The Hon Sir Henry Brandon …Lord Justice of Appeal) was …worn in a Member of Her …ajesty's Most Honourable Privy …ouncil.

Mr Neville Leigh was in attend…nce as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon Michael Foot, MP, had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

The Queen this afternoon visited the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen at Richmond upon Thames (Commandant, Colonel S. C. Banks).

Having been received upon arrival by the Mayor of the Borough of Richmond upon Thames (Councillor G. Kenton) and the Chairman of the Board of Governors (General Sir Charles Harington), Her Majesty unveiled a plaque to commemorate the opening of the renovated Residents' accommodation and toured the Home.

Lady Abel Smith, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Right Hon James Callaghan, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

Her Majesty, attended by the Duchess of Grafton, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore, Mr Michael Shea and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson, left Euston Station in the Royal Train for Liverpool.

The Duke of Edinburgh left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Germany to visit, as Colonel-in-Chief, the First Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) at Osnabruck and The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars at Paderborn.

Squadron Leader Antony Nicholson was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips this afternoon visited Marlborough College, Wiltshire, and were received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Wiltshire (the Lord Margadale) and the Master of the College (Mr R. W. Ellis).

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 24: The Duke of Gloucester visited Britax Company, Chichester, this morning.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 24: The Duke of Kent this afternoon visited the European Offshore Petroleum Conference and Exhibition at Earls Court.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 24: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were entertained at Dinner this evening by His Excellency the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Madame Anwar at the Residence.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent will attend the Ambassadorial Ball, in aid of the United Nations Association, which will be held at Grosvenor House on November 29. Tickets at £15 each are obtainable from the United Nations Association, 3 Whitehall Court, SW1 (telephone 930 2931).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. D. Higham and Miss J. E. Gibb
The engagement is announced between Robin David, son of the late Mr Ronald Higham and of the Hon Mrs Higham, 47 Wynnstay Gardens, W8, and Janet Emily, youngest daughter of the late Mr Michael Gibb and of Mrs Gibb, Forge House, Taynton, Burford.

Mr T. C. Carter and Miss F. M. Crawford
The engagement is announced between Thomas, youngest son of Professor and Mrs C. O. Carter, of Keston, Kent, and Fiona, only daughter of Dr A. Crawford, of Watlington, Oxfordshire, and Mrs B. C. Crawford, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R. A. Lamond and Miss J. C. Forster
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. Lamond, of Windward, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, and Jilly, younger daughter of Dr Matthew and Dr Margaret Forster, of Church Cottage, Barcombe, Lewes, Sussex.

Mr V. G. Levine and Miss A. L. Chia
The engagement is announced between Victor George, only son of Mr E. D. Levine, of Cromer, Norfolk, and of Mrs P. Levine, of Brighton, Sussex, and Ai Li, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B. C. Chia, of Kota Bharu, West Malaysia.

Mr J. R. Malcolm and Miss S. Thomas
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs A. D. Malcolm, of Much Marcle, Herefordshire, and Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Thomas, of Columbia, Maryland, United States.

Mr N. F. E. Morgan and Miss C. E. S. Bramer
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of the late Cedric Morgan and of Mrs Roy Double, of Little Bealings, Suffolk, and Eve, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Bramer, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S. Nightingale and Miss B. Sykes
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs H. W. Nightingale, of Swanborough, Lewes, Sussex, and Bridget, daughter of Mrs M. Sykes and the late Mr G. B. Sykes, of Almondbury, Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

Mr D. M. Pilcher and Miss L. A. E. Card
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. B. M. Pilcher, of Wimbledon, and Louise, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs N. J. M. Card, of Blackfield, Hampshire, and Bangkok.

Flight Lieutenant P. H. Steiner and Miss C. M. Havilland
The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of the late Mr W. A. Steiner, BDS, and of Mrs D. Steiner, of Lympstone, Devon, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. A. Havilland, of Putney, London, and of Hong-kong.

Mr D. Stephenson and Miss P. M. King
The engagement is announced between Derek Stephenson, of Jermyn Street, St James's and Hampton Court, Surrey, and Patricia Macdonald King, of Walton Street, Chelsea.

Private works fare better than those from trade

26 records set at sale of paintings

By Huon Mallalieu

It might have been felt that Sotheby's Belgravia were over-egging the pudding by producing a hard-backed catalogue of "highly important Victorian paintings and drawings" containing 34 lots to precede their sale of "fine" paintings and drawings yesterday. However, the event proved otherwise, despite the withdrawal of two lots, since the group produced 13 auction records—or 14 if one includes the buyers' commission.

The pictures from private sources fared noticeably better than those from the trade, two of which had appeared recently in a sale held by Sotheby's in Johannesburg.

A particularly fine oil painting by Edward Lear, a view of Mount Tomohrit, in Albania, which he described in some detail in his *Journals*, was sold to the Fine Art Society for £45,000 (estimate £10,000 to £20,000). Two paintings reached £22,000, "A Birthday picnic" by Arthur Hughes, which went to Fischer Fine Art (estimate £12,000 to £24,000), and "The Doctor", an excellent example of Victorian genre painting by Frederick Daniel Hardy (estimate £7,000 to £14,000). There is a smaller version in the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The highest price in the rest of the sale, which also produced 13 records, was £13,000, paid by the Alexander Gallery for a still life of fruit by Edward Ladell (estimate £3,000 to £6,000). The 32 lots of the "highly important" section made a total of £245,800, with a little over 8 per cent bought in, and the rest of the sale £349,040, with 9 per cent bought in.



A Maori wood house post, which brought £50,000.

At Bond Street, Sotheby's sold English and Welsh pottery and porcelain to a total of £110,438, with 6.45 per cent failing to find buyers.

At Christie's, in a sale of tribal art, which made a total of £138,594, with 8 per cent bought in, a Maori wood house post, carved as a standing male figure, far outpaced its estimate of £8,000 to £12,000 to make £50,000. It was sold by a descendant of William Williams, one of the first missionaries to work in New Zealand, and it was bought by a Swiss collector. A Swiss museum paid £9,000 for a New Guinea wood crest carved as a crouching male figure (estimate £3,000 to £6,000).

Christie's also held a sale of minor Old Master and nineteenth-century Continental drawings, which made a total of £27,314, with 7 per cent bought in. Baskett & Day paid £2,000 for a view of the Castello di Bardi by the popular Swiss painter Gabriel Lory, fils, (estimate £1,000 to £1,500).

The second day of the sale of the contents of Roche Court, Winterslow, near Salisbury, held by Humberts King & Chasemore, which was devoted to porcelain, kitchen equipment, silver, objets d'art and linen, made £43,192, and once again everything found a buyer.

Sotheby's Parke Bernet have announced from New York that they will be applying a 10 per cent buyers' premium to their American sales from January 1. Despite repeated denials from the American company, that development had been expected by the art world since Christie's opened their sale room in New York with premium last year.

OBITUARY

DR F. C. FRASER

Important work in cetology at the Natural History Museum

Dr Francis Charles Fraser, CBE, FRS, who died on October 21 at the age of 75, played an important part in the development of the Zoology Department at the Natural History Museum, in South Kensington. He was the younger son of James and Barbara Ann Fraser of Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty. Educated initially at Dingwall Academy, he received his zoological training under Professor Graham Kerr at Glasgow University before becoming demonstrator in the University Department of Geology. During the period 1925-33 he served in the Antarctic with the "Discovery Investigations", both at sea (aboard Discovery, William Scoresby and Discovery II), and in South Georgia. His studies at this time were concerned mainly with plankton, and especially krill, the crustacean food of whales.

Dr Fraser joined the staff of the British Museum (Natural History) in 1933 as an Assistant Keeper, in the Department of Zoology, to work on whales and dolphins (Cetacea), which were then the responsibility of the Osteology Section. He became Deputy Keeper of the Department in 1948 and in 1957 was appointed Keeper in succession to Dr H. W. Parker. In 1964 he relinquished the Keepership in order to be able to devote the major part of his time to research, and after his retirement in 1969 continued to maintain an active interest in cetology, visiting the Museum regularly to pursue his studies.

During the Second World War he was seconded for service with the Admiralty and very shortly after the cessation of hostilities in Europe joined the Danish "Atlantide" Expedition to the tropical eastern Atlantic.

Throughout his long and distinguished career at South Kensington, Dr Fraser concerned himself with the biology, taxonomy and anatomy of cetaceans and especially with the structure of their auditory mechanisms. He was also responsible for the continuation and expansion of a programme for maintaining records of all cetaceans stranded on British coasts. He had an abiding interest in increasing people's awareness of whales and dolphins and their natural history, and much of the present exhibit in the Whale Hall at South Kensington reflects his efforts and ideas. He prepared successive editions of *British Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises*, an identification guide to species likely to be stranded on British coasts, and with J. R. Norman co-authored a semi-popular book *Giant Fishes, Whales and Dolphins*.

He was awarded the Polar Medal in 1942, created CBE in 1962, and in 1966 was elected to the fellowship of the Royal Society in recognition of his work on the functional anatomy and evolutionary biology of cetaceans. Throughout his career he was an active Fellow of the Zoological Society of London serving several terms on Council, on many of its committees and as Vice-President, 1965-67.

As Keeper, Dr Fraser made an enduring contribution to the postwar development of the Department of Zoology, guiding it through a rather difficult phase of expansion. He had a keen sense of humour yet was sensitive to the feelings of others and always concerned with the welfare of his staff. He will be remembered as a research scientist of great merit and as a meticulous curator of the collections in his charge. He is survived by his wife, Anne, to whom he was married for 40 years.

Today's engagements

The Queen attends service of thanksgiving and dedication to mark completion of Liverpool Cathedral, 10.50.

The Duke of Edinburgh visits factory of M. H. Whittaker and Son, Wetherby, 4.10.

The Duchess of Gloucester attends concert in aid of City of Westminster Society for Handicapped Children, Goldsmiths' Hall, London, 8.05.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, president, attends annual open meeting of the Queen's Nursing Institute, London, 2.30.

The Duke of Kent visits Royal Army Pay Corps Centre, Worthy Down, Winchester, 10.30.

The Duchess of Kent attends Clothing Export Council Banquet, Guildhall, Westminster, 8.10.

Lectures: Miniature painting, Victoria and Albert Museum, 1.15. Poussin and antiquity, National Gallery, 1. Whistler, the first Modern, Tate Gallery, 1.

Lecture: The United States Ambassador gives inaugural lecture of series on Anglo-American cultural links, Victoria and Albert Museum, 7.

Walks: Elegant Mayfair, meet Green Park station, 2. Customs and curios of the City, meet Monument station, 7.

Memorial service: Dame Kathleen Kenyon, St James's, Piccadilly, 4.15.

Birthdays today

Lord Brimelow, 63; Brigadier Dame Mary Colvin 71; Major-General Sir Roban Delacombe, 72; Major-General Sir Julian Gascoigne, 75; Sir Charles Orde, 94; Professor D. J. Wiseman, 60.

Luncheon

Pipeline Industries Guild
The annual luncheon of the Pipeline Industries Guild was held at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. Sir Kirby Laing, president, was in the chair, assisted by Mr Colin Holloway, chairman.

Receptions

Royal Society of Medicine
Lord Smith of Marlow, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Smith, received the guests at a reception held at Chandos House yesterday evening to mark the opening of the society's new session. Professor Hermann Blaschko was admitted to honorary fellowship and Sir John Richardson received the Baron C. ver Heyden de Lancy Law Prize.

Mr S. Ripley
Mr Sydney Ripley and Mrs Ripley, Chairman of the Ambassadorial Ball, gave a reception at 12 South Audley Street yesterday evening for the patrons and committee to launch the United Nations Ambassadorial Ball.

British Council
Mr R. A. F. Sherwood, Assistant Director-General of the British Council, and Mrs Sherwood were hosts at a reception held at the Banqueting House, Whitehall last night for overseas fellows studying in Britain under the training schemes of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and to celebrate United Nations Day.

Institute for the Study of Conflict
The Institute for the Study of Conflict yesterday held a reception at the Travellers' Club to mark the publication of the 100th issue of Conflict Studies. Among those present were Professor Leonard Schapiro (chairman of the council), Professor Max Beloff, Professor Hugh Seton-Watson, Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly, Sir Edward Peck, Sir Robert Thompson, Brigadier W. F. K. Thompson, Mr Brian Crozier (director of the institute), Mr Michael Goodwin and Major-General Fergus Ling. The principal guests included:
The Indonesian Ambassador, the Minister, American Embassy, the Counsellor, Egyptian Embassy, the Italian Minister-Counsellor and the Cultural Attaché, Korean Embassy, Mr A. L. Manley and Colonel A. J. E. van der Lith, South African Embassy, the Spanish Naval Attaché, Dr William Ying, Commander Hale, Mr Julian Amery, MP, Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir David Barran, Sir Harold Beeley, Mr Rhodes Boyson, MP, the Hon William Buchan, Mr Julian Critchley, MP, Mr William Deedes, Lord Dulverton, General Sir David Fraser, Sir Ian Gilmour, MP, Mr Philip Goodhart, MP, Mr Victor Goodhew, MP, Mr John Gorst, MP, Lord Harris of Greenwich, Mr Jan Hildreth, Sir Geoffrey Jackson, Mr Richard Luce, MP, Mr Eric Moonman, MP, Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien, the Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, Sir Clive Rose, Sir Andrew Stark, Sir Peter Tennant, Lord Tweedsmuir, the Hon William Waldegrave, Sir Dennis White, Mr Alan Williams, MP.

Dinners

Clockmakers' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a dinner at Clothworkers' Hall yesterday given by the Master of the Clockmakers' Company, Mr John S. Vine, the Deputy Master, Mr R. Gowan Beloe, and the Wardens, Mr E. W. H. Christie, Mr George Daniels and Mr J. C. Moss. The Lord Mayor, the Master, the Renter Warden, the Governor of the Bank of England and the Master of the Spectacle Makers' Company were the speakers.

Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
The Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales held an installation court dinner at the Institute of Chartered Chartered Accountants yesterday. The new Master, Mr A. J. Hardcastle, presided, assisted by the Senior Warden, Mr K. J. Sharp, and the Junior Warden, Mr J. Holland. The Senior Warden, Sir Percy Rugg and Rear-Admiral R. S. Foster Brown also spoke. Among those present were:
The Bishop of Stepney, Lord Hirshfield, Sir Leo Pliatzky, Sir William Slimmings, the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, the Chamberlain of London and the Chief

Scientific Instrument Makers, Company
The Scientific Instrument Makers' Company held their admission court at Scientific Instrument Makers' Hall last night. The new Master, Mr Harry Drew, presided at the dinner which was held afterwards, assisted by the Wardens, Mr Jack McNally and Mr Robert Davies. The principal speaker was Sir Robert Cookburn. The Achievement Award far 1978 was presented by the Deputy Master to representatives of the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment and industry for the development of the Malvern Correlator.

South Africa Club
Mr D. V. Louw, Minister at the South African Embassy, presided at a dinner given by the South Africa Club at the Savoy Hotel last night, at which Mr Ian MacPherson and Viscount Caldecote were guests of honour. Among others present were:
Sir Michael Havers, QC, MP, and Lady Havers, Sir Gerald and Lady Thorley, Mr and Mrs Michael Stoddart and Mr P. W. Allsebrook, Commoner.

Admiralty Board
The Admiralty Board held a dinner at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, last night to commemorate the birth of Captain James Cook, Mr Patrick Duffy, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Royal Navy), presided. Those present included:
The High Commissioner for Tonga, the Canadian High Commissioner, the High Commissioner for New Zealand, the American Ambassador, the Marquess of Normanby, Earl Spencer, the Earl of Lisburne, Lord Todd, Mr Arthur Bottomley, MP, Admiral Sir Terence Lewin, Admiral Sir David Williams, Admiral Sir Henry Leach, Admiral Sir Gordon Tait, Admiral Sir Richard Clayton, General Sir Ian Gourlay, Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Morton, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt, Sir Duncan Cumming, Sir Arthur Hockaday, Mr M. J. Cook, Mr Victor Montagu, Vice-Admiral J. H. F. Eberle, Contre-Amiral F. de Queylar, Rear-Admiral A. J. Cooke, Rear-Admiral D. Haslam, Rear-Admiral A. J. Robertson, RAN, Commodore F. H. Bland, RNZN.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Sir Brian Young, Director General of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, to be a vice-president of the Royal Television Society.
Major-General M. J. H. Walsh, to be Director Army Training, Ministry of Defence, from January, in succession to Major-General J. M. Gow.
Brigadier W. N. J. Withall, to be Director Army Air Corps, from January, in the rank of major-general, in succession to Major-General J. A. Ward-Booth.

Adventurous traveller wins award

By Philip Howard

The W. H. Smith & Son Literary Award is being made to Mr Patrick Leigh Fermor for his book of travel and autobiography, *A Time of Gifts*. Sir Steven Runciman will present the award, now increased to £2,500, at a luncheon in London today. The author is coming from his home in the Peloponnese.

The book describes a journey he made on foot across Europe to Constantinople in 1933 at the age of 18. Written from a rediscovered diary, it delighted critics and other readers for its imagination, wit, and record of a vanished Europe.

Patrick Leigh Fermor is a rare modern example of a Renaissance man who is both man of action and man of imagination: author, traveller, soldier, war hero, linguist, scholar, and bon vivant.

He fought in the battles of Greece and Crete and, after the Germans captured Crete, returned there three times to organize the resistance. For more than two years he lived in the mountains disguised as a Greek shepherd, with black turban, high boots, sash and dagger.

Marriage

Mr E. Giles and Miss S. Savory
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 21, in the Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula, HM Tower of London, between Mr Edward Giles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. N. Giles, of Newport, Isle of Wight, and Miss Susan Savory, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Savory, of Ripplevale Grove, N1.

Service dinners

British American Forces Dining Club
Mr William Rees-Mogg was the guest of honour at a dinner of the British American Forces Dining Club held last night at the Headquarters Club, the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea. Rear-Admiral Sir David Scott was in the chair. Among those attending were:
Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken, Rear-Admiral C. P. Tesh, USN (United States co-chairman), Vice-Admiral R. W. Halliday, Mr F. H. East, Major-General W. C. Norris, USAF, Rear-Admiral J. E. C. Kennon, Air Vice-Marshals D. G. Bailey, M. G. Beavis, W. J. Herrington and N. S. Howlett and Brigadier L. L. Cross.

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785
The Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 held a dinner at the Naval and Military Club yesterday to commemorate the anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar. Admiral Sir Frank Twiss presided and Lord Blake was the guest of honour.

52nd Lowland Division Officers' Club
The 52nd Lowland Division Officers' Club held their annual dinner at the Western Club, Glasgow, last night. The principal guest was Lord Home of the Hirsel. Lieutenant-Colonel John Homfray, chairman of the club, presided.

PARLIAMENT, October 24, 1978

MPs urged to avoid conflict with ministers

European Parliament
Luxembourg

Members of the Parliament were in danger of making proverbial collective monkeys of themselves if they did not pay heed to the fact that although they were attempting to add large sums to the budget many of the appropriations made previously had not been spent, Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said when the debate on the Community budget for 1979 was resumed.

Under amendments to be voted on tomorrow more than £625m would be added to the 1979 budget bringing it up to £8,925m from the £8,300m proposed by the Council of Ministers. Other amendments propose that "commitments" should be increased from the £8,696m proposed by the Council to £10,365.

Mr Dalyell, speaking for the energy committee, said they were bothered about the figure of 100 million units of account being put into an energy reserve. What did this mean? There was a suspicion that this was a back-door method of bringing back the proposals for intra-community trade in coal. The issue that faced them was whether the Community should encourage the use of coal when and where there was a nuclear alternative.

He asked those who wanted to put money into the development of the coal industry if they had ever been down a coalmine. He did not know any official of the National Union of Mineworkers or any other mineworkers' organization who wanted their son to spend his life down a coalmine. The truth was that the price of coal was pneumoconiosis and often life itself. The track record of the nuclear was infinitely safer than that of the coal industry.

Some of us (he said) believe that his 100 million units of account is little more than a sop to the anti-nuclear demonstrations and feeling which is often based on ignorance and prejudice. It is a lot of money to put in for giving into ignorant anti-nuclear prejudice and dotty demonstrators in Denmark and other countries.

Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke (Darwen, C) said that when the link between Euro-MPs and their constituents became direct MPs would be much less anxious and much more reluctant to pile new taxation upon those constituents. Some of the proposals Parliament was making were bad publicity for those elections.

People (he said) will get the impression that so far from being guardians of the public purse, we who come here are irresponsible in the amounts which we insist are spent even if the Council had Commission are in many cases unable to spend them.

He viewed most of these vast proposals with alarm. Large commitments were thrust upon the Commission and the Council before they were asked and without any detail having been provided.

Mr Harry Notenboom (The Netherlands, C-D) said they wanted to continue the gradual increase in Parliament's budgetary powers and gradually force the Council to replace national policies with Community policies. That was the driving force behind their attitude, although they did not want to exploit their powers in a brutal manner.

Mr Tom Ellis (Wrexham, Lab) said that in his general onslaught on coal Mr Dalyell was highly irresponsible. His arguments were perverse. Mr Dalyell had spoken of accidents in mines and pneumoconiosis. Probably the biggest single cause of accidents in all their countries was the car but he was sure Mr Dalyell would not argue they should ban the car.

Mr Dalyell had spoken of fathers not sending their sons down a coalmine. Most fathers wanted their sons to be prime ministers, film stars or even MPs, but it would be difficult to arrange a world where everyone was one of these things, a world of prima donnas.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, Commissioner for Budgets, intervening, said that any suggestion that the Commission was in some way unsympathetic to nuclear power was not based on a realistic appreciation of the facts. Its proposals covered all energy activities, oil, coal and nuclear power. It had not weighted its proposals in one direction.

During discussions on social policy aspects of the budget—where the budgets committee wants to add an extra £142m to 1979 expenditure—Mr Elaine Kellett-Bowman (Lancaster, C) said the most serious problem facing the community was staggering unemployment, and all their energy must be devoted to curbing that curse. They supported the budget measures to retrain and redeploy the unemployed.

But the Conservative Group was not in favour of signing a blank cheque, however highly they might regard the recipient. The Commission should be more specific in some of its proposals rather than asking for a vague lump sum. There was no point in forcing on the commission commitments which it said it could not spend.

During later stages of the debate on Monday night Herr Manfred Lahnstein, President in Office of the Council of Ministers, said that Parliament's amendments to the budget, as they stood, would bring it up to 12 per cent above the Commission's original proposals and 18 per cent above the Council's draft proposals.

While he had some sympathy with the budget committee's motives, it would be unrealistic to expect agreement by the Council to all its amendments. Many of the appropriations made previously had not been spent and yet Parliament was asking for more.

Mr Michael Shaw (Scarborough, C), for the Conservative Group, said Parliament was part of a joint budgetary authority and to get real meaning out of the Community, Council and Parliament had to learn to work together. They must identify their differences and seek genuine conciliation. This would mean compromise but it would be compromise on both sides.

M Michel Cointat (France, Gaullist), for the European Progressive Democrats, said it was a bad budget. It was a budget of stagnation and a bookkeepers' budget designed to keep the Community grocery going. He would not vote at all and his group reserved its position.

Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab), for the Socialist Group, said they were discussing a budget three quarters of which was out of control. Why were they discussing it at all? They knew perfectly well that in the event Council and Commission would do what they wanted anyway.

If Parliament was to exercise the power of persuasion there had to be a receptive audience in terms of Commission and Council. But it was obvious the Commission had no policy and no purpose and that the Council had no policy and no purpose, other than the maintenance in existence of the formal shell of the Community and its institutions, behind which they could work out their own private deals and deal with their own pressures.

The time was fast running out for the Community unless some measure of agreement on issues of practical politics and real worth was reached at Council of Minister level and unless these received the full support and expertise that the Commission an dits apparatus could bring to bear to carry out the will.

Mr Tugendhat said the Commission was struck by the fact so many of Parliament's amendments and modifications had provided a recognition of what the commission had earlier said. Parliament had gone further and recommended swifter action towards the goals they all shared and a more ambitious attempt to secure them. The Commission wished Parliament luck.

He welcomed the amendments relating to the need for certain staff increases.

We have (he said) become increasingly concerned and frustrated at the lack of staff at our disposal, we have reached the point where we are wondering whether the Commission can discharge all its responsibilities and pay adequate attention to the safeguarding of taxpayers' money.

The amendments suggested large additions to the draft budget. This could lead Parliament into conflict with the Council.

The Commission believed that such a conflict must be avoided. Parliament and Council with the active participation of the Commission should proceed to the next stages of the budgetary procedure in a spirit of dialogue and a genuine desire to reconcile their positions.

Herr Lahnstein, replying to the debate, said it might be possible to achieve a compromise between Council and Parliament over the budgetary proposals. But in view of the amount of appropriations which remained unspent there was good reason for scepticism about some of the proposals.

The debate concluded and voting on more than 300 amendments to the budget proposals will take place tomorrow.

Prorogation

Both Houses met today for prorogation. Members of the House of Commons were summoned by Black Rod to the House of Lords where the Lord Chancellor, Lord Elwyn-Jones, read the Queen's prorogation speech summarizing the Government's activities during the past session.

The new session of Parliament will be opened by the Queen on November 1.

Science report

Psychiatry: Treatment of facial spasms

By the Staff of *Nature*

Lecithin, a natural substance found in eggs and meat, could improve treatment of one of the side-effects that many psychiatric patients have to endure after they have been taking antipsychotic drugs over a long period.

People suffering from schizophrenia or senile dementia are usually given antipsychotic drugs such as the phenothiazines. A main side-effect of their long-term use is that the patient may develop tardive dyskinesia, a nervous disorder resulting in constant spasms and twitches of the facial muscles and uncontrollable movements of the tongue, lips and jaws. As well as being extremely unpleasant, it may interfere severely with speaking and eating.

Some estimates are that up to two fifths of elderly, long-term psychiatric patients may suffer from the illness, which also limits the use of the antipsychotic drugs for treating the original illness.

Several drugs have been used to treat tardive dyskinesia, but none has been completely satisfactory. About three years ago, some researchers proposed that the illness could be alleviated if the concentration of acetylcholine the neurotransmitter in the brain, could be increased. Dr M. J. Hirsch and Dr R. J. Wurtman, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, attempted to do that by feeding choline, which is converted into acetylcholine in the brain and raises its concentration, to their patients. Nine of the 20 patients showed improvement. But choline is very bitter to taste, and is converted by bacteria in the intestine to trimethylamine, which has a strong and unpleasant fishy odour.

The natural dietary source of choline is lecithin, a molecule of fat that contains choline. It occurs in egg yolk and liver, and is added to chocolate, margarine and ice cream as an emulsifier. Dr Hirsch and Dr Wurtman speculated that lecithin might be an alternative to using choline for their patients. First they tested its effect on choline and acetylcholine levels in the brains of rats.

They found that lecithin does raise the concentrations of choline and acetylcholine in rat brains, and to a greater extent than choline does. It may therefore be more effective than choline in treating people, although whether it raises acetylcholine levels in human brains has yet to be determined. Lecithin would be more acceptable to patients, since it is not broken down into the chemical that gives off the fishy odour.

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Crichel Down

The dispute over Crichel Down in Dorset is a sorry and a tangled tale. It concerns farmland bought by the Air Ministry early in the war by compulsion or threat of compulsion for use as a bombing range. Subsequently it passed to the Ministry of Agriculture, being managed by the Agricultural Land Commission and farmed by the local agricultural executive. The ministry finally decided to sell the land and the Commissioners of Crown Lands agreed to buy it and to build a new farm provided they could first find a tenant farmer willing to pay a suitable rent. The tenant was found and the Commissioners promised him the tenancy. All this was done behind the backs of former owners and sitting tenants from whose farms the land was severed, although offers came from among them to buy or lease some or all of the disputed land. At some stage, it is alleged, a promise was given that the new tenancy would be advertised but in fact the new tenant was found by other means. These proceedings have not unnaturally caused indignation in the local farming community, and the Minister of Agriculture has responded slowly and clumsily to their protests. Early in the month he refused a public inquiry into the protracted and involved proceedings leading up to the disposal of Crichel Down. . . . Yesterday he told Parliament that a public inquiry is after all to be held, but only into the procedure adopted in disposing of Crichel Down, not apparently into whether the decision was wise or is still open to reversal.

DR T. ELLIS LEWIS

Dr T. Ellis Lewis, died on October 22. Lewis, "Tel", as he was invariably known to that enormous and ever-widening circle of lawyers and other friends, was one of the most kindly law dons of his generation.

He was born on December 10, 1900, at Abergorlech, Carmarthenshire, grew up and was at school at Pontardawe and retained his affection and connexion with Pontardawe and Swansea throughout his life. He took his first degree in Law with distinction at Aberystwyth, was a research student at Gonville and Caius Colege where he was awarded the PhD in 1927. He was a law teacher at Aberystwyth and then returned to Cambridge as Squire Law Librarian and University Lecturer in Law. He was elected Fellow of Trinity Hall in 1932 and taught in the Hall and in the Law School for 35 years. He taught long hours, even when thwarted by illness, and gave many more in each week to helping pupils not only from the Hall, but from many other Cambridge Colleges and from all over the world. He helped so many of today's lawyers that it is impossible for them or anyone to express thanks for the debt owed to him for so many acts of kind generosity.

It is not only the lawyers who will remember him and his kindness but whole communities, the university communities of Cambridge and Aberystwyth, the communities of Cambridge, Aberystwyth, Pontardawe, Swansea His circle of interests was very wide—college, medical, sporting, social, legal. All knew always their debt to him and all felt better for their contact with this kindly unassuming man. Of his activities outside law-teaching mention must be made of his years of service to the Hall sporting and social clubs, to the open hospitality in his rooms to undergraduates, friends, and colleagues, to his membership of the CURFC and his provision of tickets for what sometimes seemed the whole of South Wales for Varsity matches and internationals, to his position as a much sought after speaker to clubs, dinners and societies—a speaker of sincerity and charm whether in Welsh or English.

He was a superb personal teacher of Law in the highest tradition taking infinite trouble over his pupils at both ends of the scale of ability, often raising them a class by his teaching and example, and always keeping in touch throughout their careers. Certainly no former pupil missed calling on Tel whatever else he had to miss and however short his visit to Cambridge. Throughout his life he found ever new ways to give help to his pupils and colleagues —before and during the war in many cases teaching men personally without fee.

Tel was a perfectionist in his legal writing. His PhD thesis was on the history of Precedent, and was done under the supervision of Sir Percy Winfield whom he was to succeed as lecturer on the Law of Tort. He was asked by Winfield to be responsible for *Winfield on Tort* and he edited the 6th edition which was a major task in view of the changes on the law and the length of time since the previous edition. It was a great sadness to him and his friends when illness caused him to give up the editorship and a joy to all when he recovered to take part again in later editions produced under the editorship of his friend and colleague J. A. Jolowicz. He also became a joint editor of *Clerk and Lindsell on Tort*. His writings on Tort, on Legal History and Property were writings of quality and of scholarship, helpful to academics, practitioners and undergraduates.

In 1944 Tel had married Ann White who, giving up her own career, gave great support to their home and his career. Their married life was a partnership of mutual strength in a hospitable home.

MR J. M. MORAN

A colleague writes:

Mr J. M. Moran, CB, QC, who died after a short illness on October 21, aged 53, had been Legal Secretary to the Lord Advocate and First Parliamentary Draftsman for Scotland since 1976. The loss of Joe Moran is grievous to Scots law and administration and to those who had the privilege of working with him, as well as those many others who are thankful for having known him. With a fine academic record at Edinburgh University, his gifts of intellect could readily have assured him a successful career at the Scottish Bar and Bench, but he decided early to join the Lord Advocate's Department in London where he served with distinction over a period of 29 years.

He contributed greatly to the adoption of a more careful and radical approach to the shaping of Westminster legislation to meet Scottish needs, showing a profound awareness of the necessity, where appropriate, to take account of the distinctive ethos of Scots law, while never pursuing formalistic distinctions for their own sake. This was part of the secret of the great respect in which he was held by the Whitehall and Edinburgh legal and administrative establishments, who recognized the careful and well-organized persuasiveness of his logic.

His qualities of infinite painstaking care and patience appeared also in the reports which he drafted as secretary to the former Law Reform Committee for Scotland and other committees. As a ministerial adviser, he earned the gratitude of a generation of Scottish Law Officers for the thorough and careful collation of facts and analysis of issues which are essential to the briefing of a Minister if his opinion is to carry weight among his colleagues.

But Joe Moran was no desiccated civil servant. He was a man of devout Christian beliefs who put them into action by a continuing compassion and concern for his fellow-men, reinforced by a recognition of his own physical frailty and manifested in numerous acts of kindness, well beyond the call of duty, to colleagues and their families in sickness or bereavement.

To his widow and three children, deepest sympathy is due.

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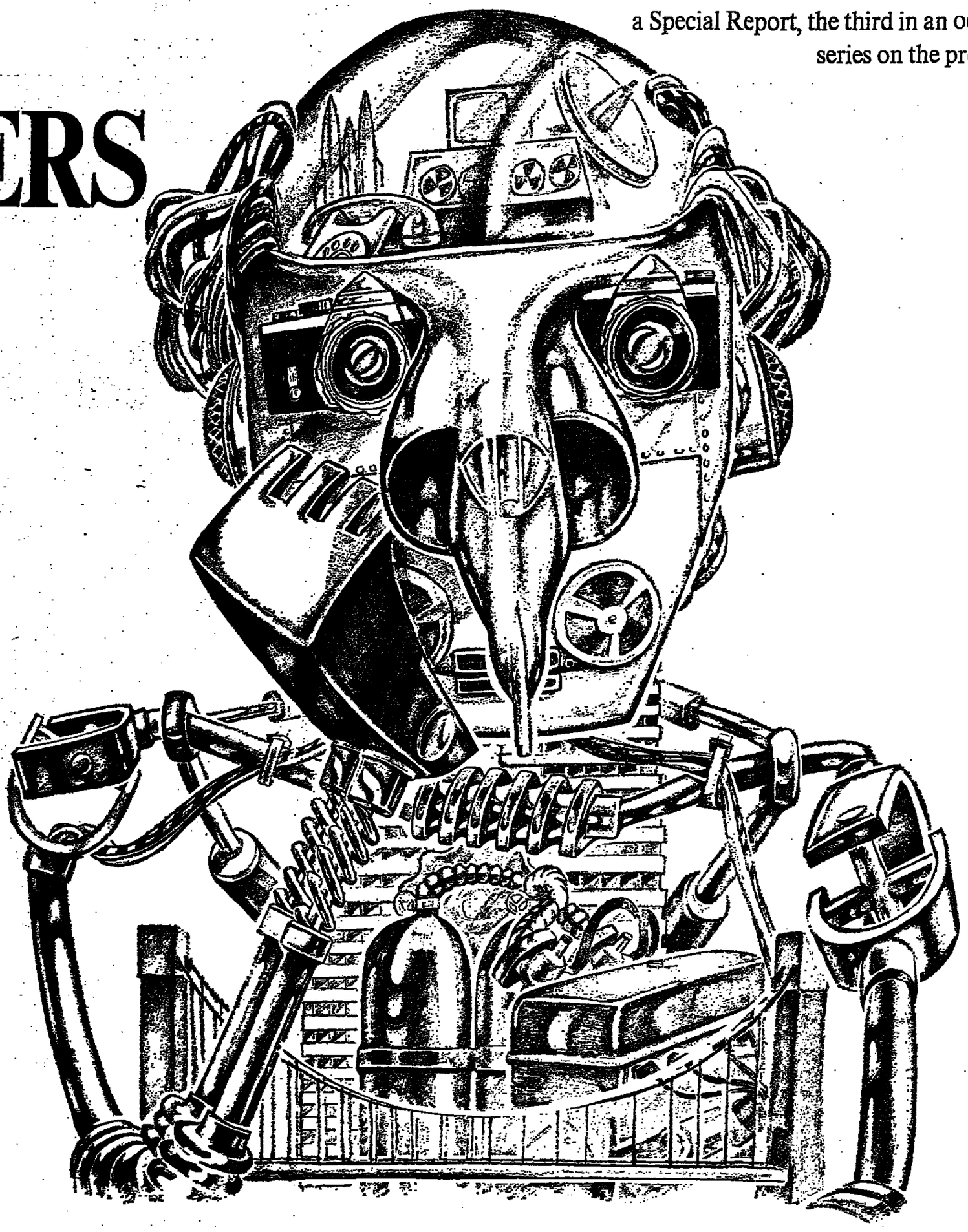


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Profession keen on more status

by Pearce Wright

A great deal of steam has emerged from the ranks of the country's professional engineers since the formation more than a year ago of an inquiry under Sir Monty Finniston into the wealth of engineering in the United Kingdom.

After a hesitant start, more than 500 submissions have flooded into the committee of experts from the professional institutions, universities, individuals and to a lesser extent, industry. From this evidence it would appear that when not designing new bridges, building nuclear power stations and calculating the Mach number of the next supersonic aircraft, Britain's engineers are seething with discontent.

It is also apparent that all engineers are not brothers under their skins. For a range of disparate views have emerged about whether the right kind of engineers are being produced by the education system and by industrial training practice, whether engineers are paid enough compared with other jobs, and why engineering opinion is excluded from crucial union and management discussions about their particular industries.

British engineers are in a sensitive mood. As well as believing they are underpaid, they feel they are being held responsible for the poor improvement in productivity in industry compared with those in Japan and Germany. They also see themselves as too far down the professional caste system. The question of status figures strongly among their requests to be granted a statutory registration body comparable for medicine, law and accountancy.

With so many issues being debated, it is scarcely surprising to find considerable confusion. In fact the Finniston inquiry should be regarded as the latest of the many investigations that have been made since 1945 in the search for ways to improve industrial performance through reforms in management, investment practice, industrial relations and so on.

There are many links, (of which engineering is one) in the chain of discovery, development, manufacturing and marketing done by industry. Certainly engineering forms the backbone of manufacturing process industries. But the relative importance attached to the different jobs done in industrial organization depends on the eye of the beholder, judging by some of the evidence submitted to the inquiry.

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Nowhere is this clearer than in a joint submission from the Royal Society and the Fellowship of Engineering, which ascribes virtues to engineers that others might consider a slight exaggeration. It says: "British engineering in the past 150 years has stood high in the world for inventiveness and ingenuity of design, safety and responsibility, even though today its ingenuity is not always used to the full and maximum effect.

"Many examples of forward thought in engineering can be cited in modern fields (for example, atomic energy, cryogenics and aerospace) and in more traditional industries (including the initial development of the mini-car and new designs for bridges and rail vehicles). It is also not realized by the general public, or by many otherwise well informed people, that the material standard of living today would be impossible without scientists and engineers."

Politicians, administrators, accountants, the sales force and financial experts are in trouble without engineers. Indeed industry offers the greater challenge of requiring the engineer to deal not only with scientific principles and technology but also with allied financial and social considerations, the submission says.

"The history of human development centres on the development of tools which represent the genesis of engineering and today all sectors of industry are heavily dependent on engineers."

The terms of reference of the Finniston inquiry are to review for manufacturing industry, and in the light of economic needs, the requirements of British industry for professional engineers, the extent to which these needs are being met, and the use made of engineers by industry.

Difficulties emerge immediately in defining what makes a professional engineer. There are 16 different specialities within engineering, and a separate professional status has been created for each of them. Then there are three different grades of engineers: chartered engineer, technician engineer and technician.

The wide range of pay across these categories has been partly responsible for the notion that Britain's engineers are underpaid compared with other professions. Whereas the analysis of the Council of Engineering Institutions of incomes shows otherwise.

It reveals, not surprisingly, that remuneration is higher among the disciplines in most demand and among the top self-employed specialists. Some order has been brought to the subject of qualifications by the Council of Engineering Institutions, set up 13 years ago to harmonize professional standards, throughout engineering.

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It established an Engineering Registration Board six years ago that has laid down the minimum standards of education and training for each of three categories of engineer, and should eventually overcome the difficulties created by an increase of people emerging from mediocre colleges and universities with mediocre qualifications who are lumped in the general pool that call themselves professional engineers.

The top grade, or chartered engineer, is also an engineer who is accepted and registered by the institution responsible for that particular branch of engineering. However the entry standards differ between institutions, and it is one reason why the Council for Engineering Institutions is sometimes accused of having to adopt low standards for granting the title chartered engineer (CEng) to obtain agreement between all its member institutions.

Things are further complicated because there are 180,000 chartered engineers in Britain, but another 120,000 graduate engineers have not taken membership of the relevant professional institute. Some of the weaker professional bodies would undoubtedly welcome any move in registration that pushed more members their way.

One trouble causing discontent among the engineers stems from looking over their shoulders at their European and American colleagues, who appear to have better status and rewards for their efforts. Like all comparisons, this is a weak one on which to base an argument. Engineers trained on the Continent and in the United States emerge from a different educational and industrial process; it has been described as "cultural difference".

The lesson to be drawn from experience overseas was certainly a strong influence in the proposals put by the Institution of Electrical Engineers for major reforms. One of the most powerful of the professional bodies, and with 71,000 members, the IEE calls for tough measures to obtain the best calibre engineers and to give them accountability.

It wants a more rigorous and longer engineering degree, four or five years, with greater attention to practical training for industry. There would be statutory registration and licensing of chartered engineers under a scheme to be supervised by an independent body such as those that monitor the practice of medicine, law, and accountancy.

Certain work could be done only by licensed professionals. A new organization which inevitably represents public and industrial interests, as well as that of professional engineering, has to be independent.

The targets are enviable. Achieving them rests on co-operation from industrial managements that too often have a different perception of how they want to use the engineering resources at their disposal. Some of the most successful products being made today by British industry have come from the imagination of individuals who would not qualify as chartered engineers.

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Elitist abroad, aspirant in Britain

by Derek Harris

One salutary effect of the Finniston inquiry into the engineering profession and its role in manufacturing industry has been to stimulate more research into what is happening in the leading industrialized countries abroad and whether any useful lessons can be drawn.

It has tended to confirm the view that Britain's professional engineers on the whole do not have the same high status in society as those abroad and that salaries, on average, lag in proportion.

It has also shown that abroad there is generally a higher standard of academic preparation for a career in engineering, particularly in countries like France and Germany. But the closer look stimulated by the Finniston Inquiry has shown that the situation in some foreign countries is more complex than it seems at first sight.

Dr Bryan Lindley, chief executive and managing director of the Electrical Research Association, was a member of the Finniston committee of inquiry which investigated most of the EEC countries, the United States and, most recently, Japan.

His judgment of Japanese professional engineers is that they are "superb and very dedicated". But the budding engineer there steps into an elitist, academically oriented system operating through about 1,000 universities and technical institutions. There is no element of practical training in the normal four-year degree course although some students can, and do, work in industry during their period of study.

But Dr Lindley found that the overriding influence was that engineering and technology was regarded as an attractive and high-level profession. There was considerable competition to get into the profession, resulting in a high quality of entrant.

There was close liaison between the academic institutions and industry, one of the effects of which was that students in their final year could be encouraged, specializing, to take up a subject for which there was likely to be the most demand in industry.

In this way the system is much more responsive to the needs of industry than is usually the case in Britain.

But Dr Lindley found there was increasing anxiety in Japan about the problem of producing creative engineers who can innovate. What apparently worries the Japanese is that although their engineers have excelled at applying technologies and constructing things well, there is a growing need for innovation as existing technological opportunities dry up and the ability to license from other countries' makers is reduced.

In France Dr Lindley was impressed as others have been at the easy rapport between leaders of industry and the Government administration. It is certainly one of the most striking features about the French industrial scene that must iron out many potential difficulties and misunderstandings.

As the self-confident and articulate French engineering elite are always quick to point out, among the 15,000 or so graduates in professional life from France's premier engineering school, the Ecole Polytechnique, is President Giscard d'Estaing. Equally they are in many of the key positions in French industry, M Jean-Paul Parayre, president of Peugeot Citroën, being one of them.

The number of engineers in the government machine is as high in France as it is low in Whitehall. French engineers are powerful, respected and well paid, the situation which British engineers as a body on the whole merely aspire to.

A graduate from one of the leading French engineering schools has a higher average salary than his contemporary in his twenties until at 40 he should be £3,000 a year ahead with the probability of being £5,000 ahead of them at 50.

The French business magazine *L'Expansion* found that 37 per cent of engineers holding diplomas from the Polytechnique became chairmen or managing directors of companies.

French engineers tend to come from the existing top socio-economic groups—*because of the appeal of status* and rewards—and they have for long qualified through full-time education routes rather than the half schooling, half industrial experience system which has been an important career route in Britain.

The French system also tends to produce managers out of technical specialists rather than, as in Britain, taking in managers from those who have studied management alone without a specialized function as a base discipline.

The combination of high pay and high status is the same in West Germany, where the profession is more sharply stratified than in Britain. Here there are some 200,000 or more chartered engineers, whereas West Germany has some 30,000 diploma engineers—those with Dipl Ing, equivalent to a BSc—above which is the minority of higher grade Dr Ing holders, equivalent to PhDs.

Even those British engineers with a fellowship of an institution are not necessarily the equivalent of a top German qualification holder although there are among Britain's chartered engineers a proportion of at least equivalent ability. It is just that the British system does not single them out in the same way as Germany.

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Dual system of training needs to move out of classroom

by Diana Geddes

The standard of university education in Britain is the envy of the world: the standard of the education and training of the British engineer is not. Everyone—academics, employers and the professional institutions—is agreed that a change is needed: the question, is how and to what extent?

The Engineering Professors' Conference, representing some 400 professors of engineering in the United Kingdom, maintains that a radical overhaul is needed of the present dual system of education and training of the professional engineer in Britain if he is to be able to hold his own in the markets of the world.

Professor A. W. J. Chisholm of Salford University and chairman of the Committee of the Engineering Professors Conference (CEPC), recently spent a year studying the training of engineers in nine European countries. He says that the British system, under which the universities and polytechnics are responsible for the theoretical scientific education of the young engineer, and industry for his practical training is highly unusual in Europe.

On the Continent, the training of the professional engineer typically takes place in special technological institutions, established outside the universities, where the student receives a high-level education both in engineering science and in engineering practice, the latter provided by professors who have usually practised as senior engineers in industry.

The student is usually required to have some industrial experience before and during his four or five-year course. When he graduates he is regarded as a "finished engineer", ready to take his place in industry without requiring further industrial training.

In Britain, the undergraduate engineering course usually lasts for only three years and is concerned almost exclusively with formal engineering science. On graduation, the student is required to undergo two years on-the-job training in industry, followed by a further year of professional responsibility, before he is eligible for chartered engineer status.

About a quarter of the 29,000 engineering undergraduates in Britain are now on four-year "sandwich" courses, usually involving alternating six-month periods of academic study in a university or polytechnic and industrial experience with a firm. But many observers complain that there is insufficient coordination between the periods of academic study and of training.

The Committee of the Engineering Professors Conference states in its evidence to the Finniston inquiry and the engineering profession: "Students typically reach the graduation stage with a knowledge of engineering science and of analytical tools, but they usually have little experience and skill in their application to engineering tasks as they occur in practice; they are also often without an understanding of the constraints under which engineering work is conducted in practice."

The overall effectiveness of the British dual system of engineering education depends on the quality of training provided in industry, the CEPC says. Yet much of the advanced professional training was at present inadequate, especially in the mechanical, production and heavy electrical industries.

The CEPC proposes that the universities take over the function of providing instruction in engineering practice. It recommends the introduction of a four-year undergraduate course (five if a sandwich course) for top-level engineers, the final year of which would be devoted to teaching students how to apply the basic scientific principles they had learnt earlier in the course to real-life situations.

All students would be required to have worked in industry before the start of the third year of their course. As well as engineering practice, extended courses might devote more time to developing communication skills, oral and written, and to encouraging a greater awareness of the importance of personal initiative and entrepreneurial attitudes in the young engineer, the CEPC suggests.

While it welcomes the introduction of the new government-backed special four-year engineering courses in a few universities as a step toward a more general recognition that a three-year undergraduate course is no longer sufficient to train Britain's future leading industrialists, it argues forcefully that such courses should be "engineering enriched" rather than "management enriched" as proposed.

A growing body of opinion within the CEPC believes that the universities should play a much greater role in establishing and overseeing standards for the integrated training and education of the professional engineer.

Many engineering professors feel that since it is the degree which matters in much of manufacturing industry and not the title of chartered engineer awarded by the professional institution, that de facto situation should be accepted, and the universities should be made responsible for providing the "finished engineer".

They suggest that the universities should be encouraged to maintain contact with their graduates during their professional careers, assisting with continuing education programmes in collaboration with the professional engineering institutions, and with monitoring the graduates' professional experience and their industrial supervisors' qualifications.

Many critics of the present arrangements for the education and training of engineers comment on the alleged poor quality of the recruit to engineering. The CEPC contends, however, that the intellectual quality of university entrants to engineering is good when account is taken of the differing difficulties of academic subjects, and that the profession is attracting a high proportion of the available suitable talent.

The Department of Industry noted in its report on *Industry, education and management*, published last year, that between 1973 and 1975 42 per cent of home students entering engineering and technology university courses had worse than the equivalent of three grade Cs at A level, compared with 34 per cent in science, 26 per cent in medicine and 24 per cent in social, administrative and business studies.

However, Professor M. J. French of the department of engineering at Lancaster University, has produced a study of the qualifications of university entrants in 1976 which shows that if only those candidates with three or more A levels are considered, the mean grades achieved by engineering students were close to those achieved by many other groups such as dentists, chemists, economists, biologists and psychologists.

The Government has provided special funds for the new high-level four-year "management-enriched" engineering courses which have started this autumn at seven universities: Strathclyde (where the normal four-year Scottish honours degree course will be extended to five years), Manchester, Birmingham, Oxford, Cambridge, Brunel, and Imperial College, London University. Similar courses will be starting next year at Trent and Sheffield Polytechnics.





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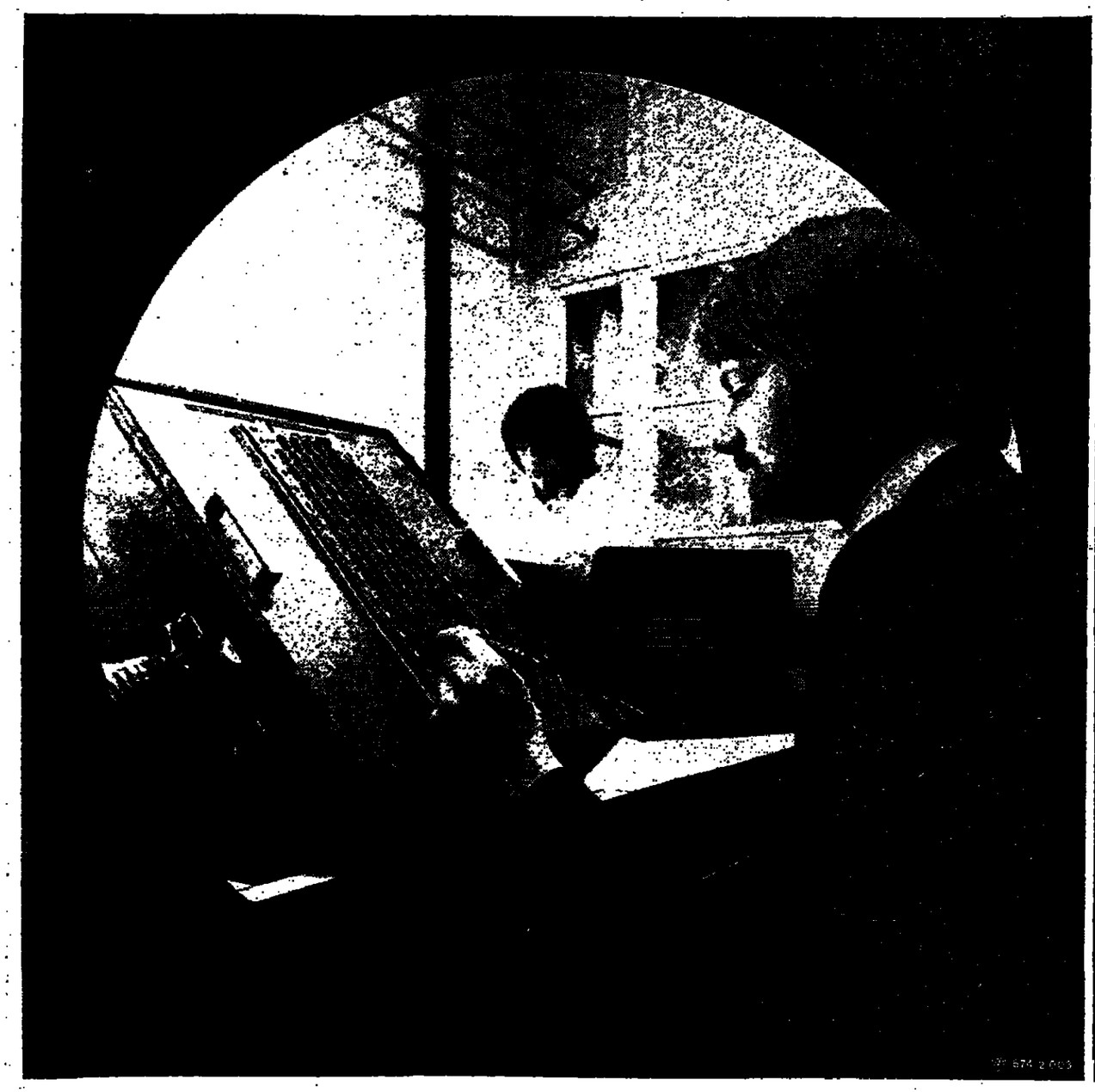
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Split attitude to unionism

by Donald MacIntyre

"Now that the TUC runs the country", a steel industry engineer said grimly earlier this month in one of those small hours hotel foyer discussions that are such a feature of trade union conferences, "can we afford not to be in it?"

That remark from a Scottish delegate to the Steel Industry Management Association (SIMA) conference goes some way to illustrate the dual attitude that many engineers take to the matter of participation in trade unions.

With 27 per cent of SIMA membership, engineers form the biggest single group in that union. A few hours after making that remark the delegate was voting, along with his colleagues, for a campaign of industrial sanctions in support of a pay and productivity claim.

That he should have done so is a pointer both to the frustrations felt by engineers in particular, and the professional classes in general, about their position in the earnings and status league, and a growing, though by no means universal, acceptance that trade unionism is needed to correct it.

That acceptance has been assisted not only by anxiety over pay but also by a level of redundancy among engineers unknown since the 1930s and the growth of industrial relations legislation.

It was illustrated by developments in three key metal industry unions during the past decade: the formation of the United Kingdom Association of Professional Engineers (outside the TUC), which grew out of the Engineers' Guild; the decision by the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, Technical, Administrative and Supervisory section (inside the TUC) and the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions (CSEU) to recruit outside the purely technical and design function; and that of the Electrical Power Engineers Association (now the EMA, inside the TUC but outside the CSEU) to recruit engineers outside its long-standing base in power supply.

Despite what has now turned into one of the bitterest union recruitment conflicts since the war, most officials would at least agree with the evidence submitted by AUEW (TASS) to the Finniston inquiry: "The opportunity (for economic growth) will be thrown away if employers continue to put short-term profits before long-term growth, continue to invest abroad rather than at home and fail to offer adequate incentives to skilled workers and qualified engineers."

"Years of pay restraint and low level of trade union organization among qualified engineers in the manufacturing sector explain, in our view, the recent reduction in their relative reward."

For the professional engineer the questions remain, as they did 15 years ago: should I join a trade union, and if so which one? The critical difference, however, is that the first has become simpler to answer and the second a great deal more complicated.

The latest Council of Engineering Institution's figures (for 1977) show that 44.3 per cent of all chartered engineers were in a union. They also indicated that the highest concentration of unionized engineers were in the public sector—92 per cent of members of the Institution of Municipal Engineers, for example, were in a trade union, compared with only 25.6 per cent of the members of the Institution of Chemical Engineers.

A further breakdown shows the percentage of chartered engineers in the main unions involved: National and Local Government Officers Association, 9.5 per cent; Institution of Professional Civil Servants, 5.2 per cent; Engineers and Managers' Association, 4.8 per cent; UKAPE, 4.0 per cent; Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, 3.6 per cent; AUEW (TASS), 2.8 per cent.

The law and industrial relations are a notoriously volatile mixture, but there is no doubting the significance of the decision earlier this year by Mr Justice May in the High Court in favour of UKAPE against ACAS in a recognition test case.

In September 1976, UKAPE referred, under Section 11 of the Employment Protection Act, a claim for recognition on behalf of 156 engineers at the Bedfordshire firm of W. H. Allen (a member of the EEF). Despite a ballot which showed that 79 per cent of the directly affected employees wanted to be represented by UKAPE and only 10 per cent by TASS, ACAS declined to recommend recognition of UKAPE.

In a judgment, which will be considered by the Court of Appeal on December 11, Mr Justice May found that "ACAS has misdirected itself in law, has not sufficiently followed the policy of the Act and has taken into account matters and arguments which it ought not to have done."

If the Court of Appeal confirms the High Court decision then ACAS could still go to the House of Lords. On the outcome will depend a series of similar applications, chiefly by the EMA, for recognition at other member firms of the EEF.

Broadly the ACAS/EEF argument has been that stable industrial relations are encouraged by fewer rather than more unions; that while the wishes of individuals are always of importance it has an overall duty to prevent the fragmentation of bargaining units; and that an interference with the existing recognition arrangements between the EEF and the CSEU unions, including TASS, would cause exactly that.

Leaders of unions like UKAPE and the EMA, by contrast, argue that existing CSEU unions like TASS will not succeed in bringing large numbers of senior engineers and managers into their fold and indeed that this may be the very reason that the EEF is content to confine recognition to CSEU unions. Both UKAPE and the EMA, which while inside the TUC has no political affiliation, see themselves as the most attractive prospect for engineers, and they are the two main unions seen as most acceptable by the CEI.

The argument is a seemingly endless one. Mr Justice May's ruling depended partly on the view that ACAS had a duty to develop collective bargaining as well as to stabilize industrial relations. The EEF ar... however that it would ... anomalous for a union ... win recognition in the in... try simply by gaining re... nition in an individual ... of a company.

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gineering courses in Germany is four years, the average time taken to secure a Dipl Ing is well over five years. But the German courses include six months of practical work within industry and, unlike Britain, this is mandatory. There is an emphasis in German courses on design and specialization with less time spent on non-technical subjects.

Dr Lindley has found the Germans questioning whether more should be done on practical training. The Swiss, particularly, are emphasizing this aspect of engineering training, although they tend to follow the German pattern as do Belgium and Holland, as well as Sweden.

Professor Alec Chisholm, head of mechanical engineering at Salford University, who has made a special study of international comparisons of education and training of professional engineers, has this to say about the role of management studies in the education of engineers. "Observers in Britain have suggested there must be something about the education of engineers in Germany, and perhaps in France, which creates rounder type of engi... than in Britain—one wh... preciates better the ... plines of business and ... is more aware of the p... cal and social issues, ... who is therefore b... equipped than his Br... counterpart to proceed ... higher management."

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One in a thousand is a woman

by Jane Lowrey

new boast they are engineers. Regarded by most as having something to do with mending things, getting dirty, and more than a passing relation to the man who mends the television or fixes the car, it is not considered a respectable profession.

Until a decade ago women barely considered a profession of any kind. Whatever women's lib says about the depression and social role of women by men the fact remains they were unlikely to consider working after marriage, and would tend to choose the kind of career before marriage which involved little training, but would pass the time in the least boring fashion between the single and married state.

Those who were a little more ambitious would go in for teaching or nursing, often planning to leave when children came along and returning once they were safely out of the way.

With the advent of the "pill revolution"—a phenomenon brought about by men, you will remember—women quickly became aware of the scope of their new-found freedom. They could become doctors, solicitors, accountants and pharmacists. The barriers which had seemed to exist were found to be mostly imaginary and a wife and mother could combine a marriage with a career. There was then no holding the rush for university places and qualifications.

But the careers women were choosing were acceptable, even glamorous, and well paid. "My daughter is a solicitor", was found to have more kudos than "my son is a solicitor".

Of the professions women choose, engineering remains firmly at the bottom of the league. The percentage of women medical doctors is 17.8 per cent, pharmacists 18 per cent, dentists 13 per cent, solicitors 3.2 per cent and accountants 1.6 per cent. Accountancy, the least popular, has eight times more women than engineering with only 0.2 per cent of the total population. Of the 200,000 chartered engineers, only 200 are women.

Neither do we figure well in the world tables. In the United States the proportion of female engineers is 2 per cent, France 3 per cent, Scandinavia 10 per cent, Russia 30 per cent and China 33 per cent. The problem, it seems, is a British one.

The Equal Opportunities Commission, in evidence to the Finniston Inquiry into the engineering profession, suggests there are three main stumbling blocks: traditional attitudes by men and women that engineering is not a profession for a woman; the channelling of girls into arts subjects at school resulting in fewer women having the necessary qualifications for science and engineering courses; the over-rigid structure of entry to the profession.

Statistics have even been produced by the Department of Education and Science to show that the male influence inhibits girls in coeducational schools from choosing subjects like mathematics and physics.

A survey on curriculum options showed that of fourth and fifth form children in coeducational schools more girls were offered physics, but fewer took the physics option than in single-sex schools. Of girls in single-sex schools 62 per cent were offered physics and 14 per cent took it, but in coeducational schools 75 per cent of the girls were offered physics and only 11 per cent took it.

This pattern was repeated among sixth formers, where 12 per cent of the girls in single-sex schools took physics and 7 per cent in coeducational schools. In mathematics 19 per cent took the subject in single-sex schools and only 12 per cent in coeducationals.

At a conference organized in June by the Institution of Electrical Engineers on Women and Engineering, it was concluded that the figures "seem to show that the coeducational schools have to work much harder to encourage the girls to move from the traditional subjects.

"Clearly the image of the engineering profession, and the difficulty of getting the message of opportunities for girls across to parents, teachers and the girls themselves, are substantial barriers to girls entering engineering as a profession."

We then come back to the initial argument of why anyone should wish to choose engineering as a profession



Jane Sketchley, aged 23, is the first woman graduate civil engineer to be employed by John Laing Construction.

—let alone women. Unless engineering can be promoted as an attractive and interesting career and not second best for those whose grades did not come up to scratch at A-level, then women, no matter what the superficial reasons, will persist in overlooking it.

Most of the reasons are superficial. The drawbacks that may exist for the lone woman engineer in a large manufacturing plant are usually outweighed by the advantages.

Many women engineers working in industry complain that they have constantly to prove themselves capable of doing the job, and while they put in more effort than their men colleagues they remain on a par.

The advantages—although the feminists will not like it—are that you will be noticed and remembered. You will get more attention and might even be a little spoilt. Going on the factory floor or visiting sites where the men are working is not like an endless nightmare of walking past building sites to the tune of wolf whistles and cat calls. If you can do your job, are friendly and reasonable, everyone will soon get used to you and more than likely will go out of their way to help you.

The ardent banner-waving feminists who disapprove of using feminine wiles to further a career ought to remember that it is much more pleasant working with a charming person than an aggressive one, whatever the sex.

At the moment the engineering profession is its own worst enemy but, should it recover from its identity crisis, the other problem women will face is other women.

Whatever the intellectual, genetic or social reason for the block many women have over maths, it is fundamental to engineering. Unfortunately, women who have been put off maths, or simply cannot do it, tend to put others off too.

When those women are teachers in primary or junior schools they can instil a distaste for maths, by unimaginative and sterile teaching, throughout a whole class of children, particularly girls, which never rubs off.

This will be resolved only when teaching courses include an insight into industry and its requirements. Until teachers can speak with authority on career opportunities there will be little progress. The sorry predicament that exists now where doors are being closed when children are barely out of nursery school cannot be over-emphasized, because it is too late by the time they get to the sixth form to start opening their eyes to prospects like engineering.

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Fellows emulate the Royal Society

by John Mortimer

More than 300 engineers are waiting to join Britain's elite body for engineering, the Fellowship of Engineering, which consists of some of the leading engineers in the country.

One could be forgiven for not noticing the fellowship. Since it began three years ago it has deliberately maintained a low profile.

Why should this body succeed when for hundreds of years engineers have been banding themselves together into increasingly fragmented groups which today seem to be as far apart as when they were formed? Such fragmentation has neither served engineering technology well nor has it improved the status of engineers. Their public standing could not be lower.

Its one slim chance in the face of such overwhelming odds could lie in one simple fact: that many more people in both government and industry realize the growing strength of engineering in countries other than Britain. In its determination to succeed, the Fellowship of Engineers is anxious to emulate the Royal Society which, for science and technology, has enjoyed a stature to which engineers have long aspired.

But the Royal Society has had 300 years in which to develop and grow, always looking down from its lofty peak at less noble institutions seeking to wear similar mantles. Even so one cannot help but feel that, in this age of race and pace, the fellowship should have achieved more by now.

In 1965 the Council of Engineering Institutions was formed to coordinate the work of the major engineerig institutions. Hampered by its charter, however, it has proved a considerable disappointment to all concerned with engineering as a profession. Engineers, looking for an organization which might lift the respect of the public, found to their horor a body which fanned the flames of discontent within the profession.

The CEI plainly did not have either the respect or the ear of government or any other body in high places. Nor could it speak out without either fear or favour. It was certainly not an organization which could weld the engineerig profession together.

It is perhaps significant and fortunate that Prince Philip, in the closing period of his term of office as president of the CEI, and himself given to speaking his mind sensibly on various topics, emerged as the catalyst which helped the CEI take the initiative to break the vicious circle and establish the fellowship. It is indeed an indictment against the CEI that it needed such a powerful catalyst to give life to a new autonomous body. No doubt Prince Philip was growing increasingly frustrated by the plummering image of engineering, a profession to which he could closely associate himself.



Lord Hinton of Bankside.

The fellowship is unlike any other body in the engineering profession. Its members are elected by a system very similar to that which has served the Royal Society so well. In particular, the Fellowship of Engineering elects to its ranks only those engineers who have distinguished themselves.

To maintain the element of exclusiveness the intake is limited to 60 a year and after three years the total complement is a mere 230. However, unlike physicists or mathematicians, who can reach their prime by the age of 25 or 30, engineers do not reach maturity until they are at least 50. So it is hardly surprising that the average age of fellows is over 60. It is argued that only with a bedrock of distinguished seniors will it be possible to attract younger men who, without argument, can respect the fellowship. Yet, without an injection of young blood there could be a danger of it being labelled a bunch of fuddy duddies who, instead of elevating their profession, serve only to bring it further into disharmony.

But why are engineers so keen to join? Clearly, they feel the urgent need for something akin to the Royal Society in engineering where institutions, institutes and societies are still too fragmented to be effective and where up to now there has been an absence of a multidisciplinary body providing coordination at the highest policy-making levels.

They feel the need for a body which can develop strong links overseas and which can recognize the international flavour of engineering and raise the standing of British engineers internationally—not only in the products they make but in the services they provide. They want a body which is not beholden to anyone, which can go over the heads of the institutions, is autonomous and free of bias.

The first challenge facing it is one of funding. It is currently running at a deficit but Lord Hinton of Bankside, the chairman of the governing executive committee and driving force behind much of the fellowship's work—all of which is done on a shoe-string—would like to see it with an annual current account of £500,000 by 1981, backed up by a reserve account of £2m, the interest from which would feed the current account.

Funding could come from industry through tax-free covenants and by channelling government funds through the fellowship, in much the same manner as happens in the Royal Society, to further the profession. A major hurdle lies simply in making industry realize that it is upon engineering that its future growth must lie.

Already, many sectors of engineering are well represented within the fellowship. Others, like until recently the petrochemical industry and the motor industry, are not.

In particular, the fellowship feels it important that it should be able to enunciate those things which people think ought to be said in public, without fear or favour. It is looking at Britain's productivity and on the verge of producing a report which, through its prescriptive rather than purely diagnostic approach, will outline the remedies for poor productivity in Britain.

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Designing a round table

by Elaine Williams

The acceptance of engineering qualifications in Europe, and especially in the EEC, has become an important issue within the engineering fraternity. As professional engineers move between countries there must be an acceptable framework through which employers anywhere can recognize an individual's qualifications.

Most of the engineering institutions try to engender cooperation with their counterparts throughout the world, for the purpose of agreeing standards for the recognition of qualifications. They also have the aim of encouraging the exchange of technology by organizing international conferences.

One of the earliest formal organizations set up to pursue these ends is FEANI (the Fédération Européene d'Associations Nationales d'Ingenieurs) created more than 25 years ago. It consists of 18 member nations charged with the duty of achieving mutual recognition of qualifications through its register committee.

The register consists of categories of qualifications split into bands and each nation's classification is based on academic achievement and length of training. Naturally there is much argument as to where each country's engineering qualifications are placed. However, it does provide an important framework where discussions can take place on an international, but not governmental level, on the training and education of engineers.

Even older than FEANI is the Commonwealth Engineers Council (CEC), more than 30 years in existence. This was founded by three of the engineering institutions in Britain—civil, electrical and mechanical—and has 15 members. When the Council of Engineering Institutions (CEI) was formed in 1967 it was agreed that it should represent Britain and now it provides the secretariat.

In 1973 the European Society of Engineering Education (ESEE) was founded with the aims of "contributing to the development and the improvement of engineers in the economic, social and cultural framework of Europe by studying new teaching methods and the demands of the contemporary world; and to develop consultation between educational engineering institutions and establishments of higher technical education".

The Institution of Electrical Engineers is proud of the fact that it was the first professional institution to apply for membership of the society but it will be a long time before much headway is made about education on an international scale since no one can agree within Britain on the best course of action to be taken on the subject of engineer training.

Until 1968, however, there was no single body to which all engineering bodies of the world could belong to discuss topics of mutual interest. This concerned Unesco which had no non-governmental organization with which to confer on professional engineering matters. The World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) was formed to fulfil this role and Dr George Gainsborough, secretary of the IEE, was instrumental in drawing up its constitution and was its secretary general until 1975.

According to the CEI, which is the British representative, membership comprises international regional organizations which were founder members and about 70 national members including most of the leading industrial countries. Unesco's regard of the organization is shown by its provision of grants for studies and meetings.

WFEO's next meeting is scheduled for September or October next year in Jakarta. The Soviet representatives are preparing, with the aid of a small working party, a paper on how the federation should operate in the future. WFEO has several objectives, but education and training and the exchange of engineering information are important. Other functions include sponsoring of scientific and engineering symposia and undertaking special projects relating to the interests of its members.

It would seem though that much of the work of these organizations is cosmetic since the infrequent meetings of members on an international scale is limiting. The individual institutions often have more success by their own efforts. The Institution of Electrical Engineers, for example, formed an association with its Belgian counterpart on the subject of power engineering which is now patronized by many other electrical engineering bodies throughout the world.

On a more basic level the IEE runs a computer-based information system called INSPEC which, it claims, is the world's largest data base in the English language in physics, electrical and electronic engineering, computer technology and automatic control. This is the institution's main activity and serves its 70,000 members, 15,000 of which are overseas.

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The Council of Engineering Institutions

The Council of Engineering Institutions (CEI) was originally incorporated by Royal Charter in 1965 as a federation of the leading professional engineering institutions in the United Kingdom. A major effect of the granting of a Supplemental Charter in 1978 has been to extend membership to individual Chartered Engineers. Thus, the Council now has both Corporation and Individual Membership. It also elects suitable corporate bodies as Affiliates.

The Corporation Members and Affiliates are listed below. Individual Members are all those who are corporate members of a Corporation Member or an Affiliate and who are registered as Chartered Engineers.

The object of the Council is "to promote and co-ordinate in the public interest the development of the science, art and practice of engineering".

The Council's own examination sets the academic standard for Chartered Engineers and there were 3,500 entrants from the United Kingdom and overseas for either Part I or Part II of the examination this year. However, the majority of those admitted to the register of Chartered Engineers have qualified academically by means of a degree course. There is also a special route to admission for mature candidates.

The Engineers Registration Board

Among the powers granted to the Council of Engineering Institutions is "to establish and maintain a register of engineers of technical competence". To undertake this task, the Council established the Engineers Registration Board (ERB) in 1971. The Board has distinct sections for Chartered Engineers, Technician Engineers and Engineering Technicians and includes almost 240,000 individuals in one or other of the sections. Registration confers on the individual the right to use the style and title of the section to which he or she belongs and to use the designatory letters "C.Eng.", "T.Eng.(CEI)" or "Tech.(CEI)" as appropriate.

Minimum requirements for each of the three sections of the register are given below with lists of those professional bodies in membership of each section. The academic standard required for registration in the Technician Engineer and Engineering Technician sections are given in terms of the HNC and ONC, pending the completion of an ERB assessment of the new TEC and SCOTEC awards, which are replacing the National Certificates.

For further information do not hesitate to write to the Secretary of an appropriate institution or to the Council of Engineering Institutions, 2, Little Smith Street, London SW1P 3DL.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Chartered Engineer Section

- ★ minimum age, 25
- ★ academic standard, the CEI Part 2 examination or a recognised exempting degree in engineering or related subjects
- ★ a period of training and professional responsibility which will vary according to the institution you join but which will be not less than three years in aggregate
- ★ corporate membership of one of the member institutions of the Chartered Engineer Section of the ERB.

Technician Engineer Section

- ★ minimum age, 23
- ★ academic standard exemplified by HNC or City and Guilds Full Technological Certificate
- ★ five years engineering experience (including two years approved practical training)
- ★ membership of one of the societies in the Technician Engineer Section of the ERB

Engineering Technician Section

- ★ minimum age, 21
- ★ academic standard exemplified by ONC or City and Guilds Part II Final Technicians Certificate
- ★ three years engineering experience (including two years approved practical training)
- ★ membership of one of the societies in the Technician Section of the ERB

Chartered Engineers Section

Corporation Members

Royal Aeronautical Society
Institution of Chemical Engineers
Institution of Civil Engineers
Institution of Electrical Engineers
Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers
Institute of Fuel
Institution of Gas Engineers
Institute of Marine Engineers
Institution of Mechanical Engineers
Institution of Metallurgists
Institution of Mining Engineers
Institution of Mining and Metallurgy
Institution of Municipal Engineers
Royal Institution of Naval Architects
Institution of Production Engineers
Institution of Structural Engineers

Affiliates

Institute of Hospital Engineering
Institution of Agricultural Engineers
Institution of Highway Engineers
Institution of Nuclear Engineers
Institution of Public Health Engineers
North East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders
Welding Institute

Technician Engineer Section

Association of Mining Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
Association of Public Lighting Engineers
Association of Water Officers
British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing
Bureau of Engineer Surveyors
Highway and Traffic Technicians Association
Illuminating Engineering Society
Incorporated Practitioners in Radio and Electronics
Institute of Automotive Engineer Assessors
Institute of Engineers and Technicians
Institute of Fuel
Institute of Hospital Engineering
Institute of Marine Engineers
Institute of Measurement and Control
Institute of Metallurgical Technicians
Institute of the Motor Industry
Institute of Plumbing
Institute of Quality Assurance
Institute of Road Transport Engineers
Institute of Sheet Metal Engineering
Institution of Agricultural Engineers
Institution of Chemical Engineers
Institution of Electrical and Electronics Technician Engineers
Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers
Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland
Institution of Gas Engineers
Institution of Heating and Ventilating Engineers
Institution of Mechanical and General Technician Engineers
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Institution of Nuclear Engineers
Institution of Plant Engineers
Institution of Production Engineers
Institution of Public Health Engineers
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Institution of Structural Engineers
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A diversity of representation which started with a snub

by Derek Harris

Britain has about half a million professional engineers and nearly 50 different organizations that cater for their needs as learned societies, arbiters on qualification standards and correlators and disseminators of knowledge in a particular engineering discipline.

Among them are 200,000 chartered engineers, the top layer of the profession who belong to 20 organizations which hold charters. Most of the chartered bodies belong to the Council of Engineering Institutions, founded in the mid-1960s as an umbrella body for the leading organizations.

It has been a growth which some feel has gone far enough, but to a great extent was inevitable because of the increasing diversity of engineering sectors and the skills they have demanded.

The three most powerful organizations are the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Institution of Electrical Engineers. The "civils" were the first of the three on the scene, founded in 1818 by H. R. Palmer as a coffee house forum where those representing the theory of current engineering could meet those who had put that into practice.

There was already a Society of Engineers — still existing with 5,000 members —but Palmer regarded that as a small and exclusive dining club dominated by a few well-known men; he was seeking an organization far wider in scope.

The "civil" in the new body's title meant civilian as opposed to engineers involved in the Armed Forces, but although the idea was to cover the whole breadth of engineering practice, the Victorian emphasis was on constructional projects. This is still the main preoccupation of today's civil engineers.

Thomas Telford, master of the use of iron with his Menai and Conwy suspension bridges, became the institution's first president. Within 10 years the organization had been awarded a royal charter and for nearly 30 years it was the sole major voice of all engineers.

It was not until 1910 that another royal charter went to a big engineering body, the Royal Institution of Naval Architects, which had been formed in 1860.

The Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, formed in 1892, received its royal charter in 1915. But in 1847 the council of the Institution of Civil Engineers, then an organization of 600 members, refused to admit George Stephenson, already established as the father of railways, unless he first submitted a probationary essay as evidence of his capacity as an engineer.

Stephenson refused, feeling it was a humiliation; this was the golden age of British engineers who, often of humble beginnings, made their way to the top of their profession by being able to make things work through the application of intelligence and skill.

Stephenson's fellow mechanical engineers felt the slight as much as he did and it was a group of them, passing time in a platelayer's hut to which rain had driven them while watching locomotive trials on the Bristol-Birmingham line at Bromsgrove, who first put up the idea of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.



Thomas Telford, first president of the Institution of Civil Engineers, portrayed in a print from a painting by Samuel Lane at the institution.

It was the first of the splinter groups, and went a long way to creating the wide variety of today's many engineering bodies. The "mechanicals", awarded a royal charter in 1930, went on to become the dominant chartered institution in terms of membership, although their present 72,000 members are now outnumbered by those of the Institution of Electrical Engineers.

After Henry Ford had revolutionized motor manufacturing techniques by turning out Model T cars on a production line the "mechanicals" awarded him the second of their James Watt medals. Last year the medal went to Sir Frank Whittle, inventor of the jet engine.

The "electricals", who have been among the pacesetters in raising standards of qualifications, sprang like some of the more recently formed organizations out of the demands of a new technology. The institution was founded on May 17, 1871, as the Society of Telegraph Engineers, telegraphy being the main electrical development of the time. Eventually, as electrical applications widened, the name was changed to the present one in 1888 and a royal charter followed in 1921.

Among the many services operated by the "electricals" is the world's largest English-language data bank in physics, electrotechnology, computers and control. It is known as Inspec (International Information Services for the Physics and Engineering Communities) and is a computerized development of the range of secondary-information publications which the institution first started on a comprehensive basis in 1898.

Inspec's magnetic tape services are now used in 21 countries, giving direct access to the data bank. This is also available through four of the major on-line retrieval service operators in the United States, Canada and Europe.

The Royal Aeronautical Society is unusual in that it started life in 1866 long before the technology which is now its preoccupation had begun to develop. It was a small group of enthusiastic balloonists, among them an astronomer, a meteorologist and a doctor of medicine, who started the society to exchange ideas and information, although there were then the beginnings of interest in powered flight.

The Wright brothers brought their Flyer over to England in the early years of this century and the society's members were in the forefront of the move into aeronautical engineering, setting up examinations and training requirements which were brought in soon after the First World War.

That was when the society got the dispensation to use "royal" in their title although a royal charter was not received until 1948.

The first commercial production of aircraft were some copies of the Flyer made in Battersea by the Short brothers, members of the society. The original Flyer was in a London museum for many years until the Smithsonian Institution in Washington eventually met the wishes of the Wright brothers in providing an adequate home for the historic aircraft in the United States.

Apart from their involvement in the major issues of today now being looked into by the Finniston inquiry the chartered organizations also have their individual problems. The "civils" are the latest to have difficulties in raising extra subscription income to offset inflation, a proposal to increase subscriptions by about a third having been rejected in a ballot of their 56,000 members.

About a quarter of the "civils'" income comes from subscription and ways are now being sought to make economies although there is no question of their leaving their London headquarters at Great George Street just off Parliament Square.

Two years ago the "mechanicals" ran into the same problem and moved part of their office staff out of London to allow renting off of some of their equally imposing headquarters in Birdcage Walk.

The "electricals" whose Inspec operation makes a major contribution to their current annual turnover of £6m, are luckier. But the Institution of Chemical Engineers was one body which opted for the economies of an out of London headquarters, theirs now being at Rugby.

Balancing professional detachment with new flexibility

by David Crawford



An English engineer training a Saudi counterpart in the control room of the Al Khobar desalination in the Eastern Province. The plant is meeting an increasing proportion of Saudi Arabia's irrigation r

Despite increasing international competition, the export record of British consulting engineers continues to be good. According to the Association of Consulting Engineers (ACE), which publishes each year an invaluable directory of its members' work overseas, British civil engineering consultants began this year with responsibility for projects worth more than £31,000m—a figure more than 20 per cent up on that at the beginning of the previous 12-month period.

Much of this continuing success is due to commissions from the Middle East where, despite gloomy forecasts by British contractors, the overall demand for the services of British consultants seems, for the present at least, to remain at a high level.

For example, out of £446m worth of airport work recorded by the ACE as being in the hands of British firms, nearly half is in Middle Eastern countries. Again, desalination has brought British consultants work on Middle East projects worth more than £1,150m, though in both instances the contractors' worries are underlined by the variety of non-British contractors listed alongside British consultants.

It is largely because of the continuing development needs of the Middle East and North Africa that British consultants (primarily consulting engineers) bring home each year between £300m and £400m in foreign fees—half of it earned in this region of the world.

The scale is massive: the fees of W. S. Atkins for planning Algeria's developing steel industry, reckoned to be the highest ever paid to a firm of consultants, work out at more than the capital value of many a good, medium-sized project which would keep some consulting engineers happy.

Massive, too, is the development of Jubayl, on the Gulf coast of Saudi Arabia, which is destined to grow from a small town to a leading commercial port with associated industrial areas. Worth at least £1,500m at present prices, the project is being supervised by Sir William Halcrow and Partners with contractors coming from four different countries (including Britain).

Not that all commissions are on this scale: factories and warehouses, hotels and shopping centres, offices and residential schemes all figure in the secondary phase of a country's development; and there is already some evidence of demand for the recycling and modernization of existing buildings, rather than their demolition and replacement.

In Iran, for example, S. B. Tietz and Partners has been called in as structural consultant for the conversion of postwar buildings at Tehran airport, to provide better facilities for in-flight catering. In the Caspian Sea resort of Ramsar, the same firm has recently completed the upgrading and extension of a 50-year-old luxury hotel in an area of big tourist potential.

Sustaining the present level of involvement of British consulting engineers in the Middle East will necessitate flexibility in approach and the adoption and incorporation of new roles. For example, growing importance is being attached to economic planning as an integral part of the services offered. This trend is exemplified in the firm of Henderson, Hughes and Busby, consulting engineers and economists, which has recently started a four-year project for a new rail link between Jubayl and Dammam, in Saudi Arabia.

Another recent trend is, however, causing some anxiety to consultants with Middle East experience. This is a tendency for some clients without lengthy experience of dealing with the British consultant as an independent professional adviser to attempt to extend his responsibilities to include some which normally fall to the contractor.

One company with permanent offices in two big Middle East oil countries was recently asked to undertake the purchase and delivery to site of important materials for a key project, subject to penalties for delay levied on the normal consultancy fee—a request which it found impossible to meet.

Thus the consulting engineer (perhaps because of his success as lead consultant in multi-disciplinary consortiums) risks being seen as yet another kind of contractor on the lines of the (mostly American) project managing contractor organizations active within the oil and petrochemical industries.

Equally, there is a danger that British consultants who turn down such requests on professional as well as practical grounds may find themselves losing commissions in a market coveted by consultants from four continents, many of them (unlike Britain's) with financial backing from their governments.

One suggestion is that the consulting engineer could link with a contractor possessed of adequate financial resources and purchasing skills. But against this is a feeling that consulting engineers should not be in too much of a hurry to forsake their traditional professional detachment.

There remains much confidence (which will be tested over the next few years) that increasingly sophisticated clients, in the Middle East and elsewhere, will continue to value the British consulting engineer as a source of advice, the quality of which depends to a large degree on his independence of any direct commerc volvement in projects.

Saudi Arabia is one try where the full po for the export of Britis sultancy skills is far having been reached. the possible future in the non-oil producing M East countries as sup of food and other com ties to the oil producer provide new scope.

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A hard look at an underpaid profession

Sir Monty Finniston, who is a metallurgist by training and a professional engineer, started work last autumn as chairman of the government inquiry into the organization of the engineering profession and the relationship of issues like training and qualifications to the problems of manufacturing industry.

He and his committee of 17, including three women and two young engineers, should produce their report early next year after an exhaustive inquiry during which committee members have visited a number of countries, including the United States and Canada.

They have been seeking the possible answers to a wide range of problems inherent in the issues which they were asked to investigate by Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry.

The brief was a wide one. Mr Varley wanted the committee to look at the requirements of British industry for both professional and technician engineers, the extent to which those needs were being met and the use made of engineers by industry.

He also wanted them to look at the role engineering institutions played in the education and qualification of engineers and assess the advantages or otherwise of bringing in statutory registration of engineers, possibly extending that to an overall licensing system.

It was natural that he also asked for international inquiries, particularly within the EEC, to be mounted because that is where engineers see themselves disadvantaged by comparison. They point to nations like France, West Germany and some other continental countries, together with the United States and Japan, as showing how far British engineers are undervalued, underpaid and grudged both status and power within industry, especially in top management.

The inquiry was seen as being complementary to the evolution of industrial strategy since Britain's manufacturing difficulties were not going to be solved simply by shaking up professional structures and attitudes.

But the profession as much as the country's industrial structure was arguably suffering from the effects of a long history, having been front runners in the world's industrial revolution with some of the senior chartered institutions dating back to the first half of the last century.

Inevitably, there have been strains developing among the mélange of 50 different organizations representing the interests of about 500,000 engineers of which 200,000 are the upper-level chartered engineers.

The Council of Engineering Institutions (CEI) was set up in the mid-1960s to try to give engineering a single voice, both in terms of establishing some common levels of qualification and also in a national context to concert the impact of engineering opinion.

Until recently CEI spoke for only 15 chartered bodies but since a protracted reorganization more institutions have been joining, some under a new affiliate category. However, the Engineers Registration Board, operating under the aegis of CEI, has drawn together registration for technician engineers and the lower level engineering technicians.

One of the problems of registration has been that although each institution has kept its own register an individual engineer might well be a member of two or more bodies and thus be a multiple entry on the registers. To deal with this overlap CEI is now in the process of completing a composite register.

CEI would like to see the registration board recognized by government as the sole registering authority for all professional engineers at both chartered and technician level.

CEI has said that it accepts that there could be a call from the Finniston inquiry that there should be some form of government monitoring of registration, in which case CEI believes this could be achieved by the appointment of one or two lay members to the various sections operated by its registration board. An essential component of the CEI plan is that individual institutions would continue to act as the important arbiters on qualifications although monitored by CEI.

But a number of voices have been raised in favour of registration by a statutory body independent of CEI just as there have been others who, like the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, have called for statutory registration but under the aegis of CEI.

The Institution of Civil Engineers is one body which has doubts about any form of statutory registration, particularly in relationship to civil engineering that is so sharply distinguishable from manufacturing industry.

The strongest proponent not only of statutory registration by an independent body but also a licensing system has been the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE). This institution wants to see standards of qualifications and rules of professional conduct set and administered by a statutory body maintaining a register of those qualified who would have a distinctive title reserved to them by law. Engineering would then have a system not dissimilar to those in professions like medicine and the law.

Licensing is already in use in a few areas involving public safety—such as dam building—and none of the engineering organizations quarrels with that because it is a special case.

How the profession is to be regulated is only one key issue for the Finniston inquiry. There has been a shortage of the highest-calibre engineers in a number of sectors—among professional production engineers the shortage being as much as 50 to 80 per cent according to the Institution of Production Engineers.

There have been serious imbalances between the supply of broadly educated chartered engineers and specialist trained technician engineers. This raises questions of the adequacy of universities and technical schools as well as the orientation of the educational system at the earlier stages. On the other hand the Committee of the Engineering Professors' Conference has criticized both trade unions and employers for maintaining obstacles that discourage able young people from entering the ranks of professional engineers.

There has been mounting criticism of missed opportunities in bringing more women into the profession. In Britain only one in every 1,000 professional engineers is a woman compared with one in 50 in the United States and one in 25 in The Netherlands.

A Conservative Party study group report earlier this year called not only for standards to be raised among professional engineers but for the whole nature of training to be changed. The Tory report urged a minimum five-year integrated training programme with industry taking a much more active role.

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Weakness in engineering therefore damages directly and indirectly Britain's economic performance and adversely affects the well-being of her people.

That all is not well in British engineering is now generally accepted. This realisation has already led to the Government enquiry into the engineering profession now sitting under the chairmanship of Sir Montague Finniston.

"Many ideas which originate here are later exploited elsewhere"

In the nineteenth century the great names that still glitter in the history of engineering were largely British. Today, it has become fashionable in some quarters to suggest that British engineering achievement and individual talent have somehow dried up over the years.

But whatever problems—and there are many—we face as a profession, the IEE does not believe that it is the lack of innate ability in the British engineer.

To hold otherwise would be to ignore the evidence of excellence in engineering that abounds in the world today, the work of British men and women at home and abroad.

It is also true that the evidence is there of Britain's failure to exploit commercially many of the concepts developed in this country.

We live in a world where technology and its very rate of development pose problems more complex than our Victorian ancestors could have conceived. The great engineering achievements of the present day are the work of teams of people, in place of a single individual.

"The essence of the chartered engineer should be his concern with innovation and change"

They lie in many branches and disciplines—not only the high peaks of technology that catch the headlines. Major advances of British origin can be cited in agriculture, highways, lighting, railways, telecommunications, power distribution and many other fields too numerous to list here.

Such developments create wealth for Britain because people will always pay for products and services that meet their needs.

But in contrast to this evidence of engineering talent as rich as ever it was, the performance of industry generally has caused no little concern.

Entire sectors have been all but eliminated by foreign competition. Others are buoyed up by Government funds where they were once profitable. Our country is filled with imported products with strange-sounding names while their British counterparts are only a memory.

"The federal nature of the CEI makes it difficult to make changes as rapidly as is desirable"

It is against this background that doubts are being voiced—and rightly so—about the selection and education of professional engineers; about standards; about communications between engineers of different disciplines and ranks and between engineers and the other professions.

Professional managers are challenged because they don't understand engineering and professional engineers when they don't see eye to eye with accountants. The role of the engineering institutions is being called into question and their inter-relationship and relation to other bodies examined.

"Transfer to a statutory system would have a greater chance of eventual success"

The media highlight the nation's failures in engineering to the virtual exclusion of its achievements. There is debate on the desirability of statutory registration and licensing of professional engineers, akin to other professions such as medicine and the law.

These then are the key issues with which the Finniston Committee is faced. The IEE, among others, strongly believes that statutory registration and licensing is a goal for the future of the profession.

By statutory registration we mean that engineers should have their standards of qualification and rules of professional conduct set and administered by a publicly accountable body created by Act of Parliament. This body would maintain a register of qualified persons who would carry a distinctive title reserved to them by law.

"Increased care and vigilance of engineers brought about by consciousness of their personal legal accountability"

By licensing we mean the reserving of certain functions to registered persons.

The advantages of regulation by statute lie, in the IEE's view, in overcoming weaknesses and repairing deficiencies in the present system of regulation by voluntary societies. In particular:

- Statutory registration coupled with suitable licensing could prevent unqualified persons from offering professional engineering service to others in circumstances which may be hazardous.
- Statutory registration could apply a uniform standard, and also give recognition to all who reached it, regardless of institution membership, without interfering with the standards set by institutions for electing their own members.
- Statutory registration coupled with licensing would give the registering council the strength to exert a substantial influence on the standards of education and training of professional engineers.
- Experience in other countries shows that statutory registration coupled with licensing can strengthen greatly the discipline of the profession.
- Registration by a statutory body would assist British engineers who work abroad.

"Budgetary provision for increased levels of management development training"

But statutory registration and licensing is not in itself a panacea for all the ills of the engineering profession. The IEE considers that greater attention needs to be paid to the selection and attraction of candidates with appropriate intellectual qualities for entry into the profession at the various levels; to a closer matching of engineering education and training to the requirements of industry; and to greater provision of training throughout an engineer's career.

In essence, the IEE's view is that the way ahead for the engineering profession in Britain lies in taking action to set higher professional standards; in meeting them, corporately and individually; and, not least, in enforcing them by statute.

There is no easy route. But if we can move forwards together—as we must for Britain's prosperity—the rewards to our profession and to the individual will surely follow.

THE KEY ISSUES

MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATION

The electrical and electronics industry requires a relatively small number of engineers of the highest calibre, a substantial number of professional (chartered) engineers, broadly educated and well trained in the skills appropriate to their employment, and a substantial number of well educated and trained technician engineers. There is a shortage in the first category and an imbalance between the second and third due to deficiencies in the education and training systems.

The shortage of top-quality engineers requires action in the secondary schools and the establishment of degree courses which are challenging to the best school-leavers.

The imbalance of chartered engineers and technician engineers requires, on the one hand, the matching of certain degree courses to the particular needs of technician engineers and, on the other hand, a raising and broadening of the education of intended chartered engineers.

Planning of the post-graduate training of engineering staff is needed on an increased scale to meet the demands created by changes of technology and need for career development. The cost of such training can no longer be neglected and adequate budgetary provision needs to be made. Accordingly industry should:

- as far as possible, ensure that research and development programmes are market-oriented, and insulate the level of these programmes from the effects of short-term financial stringency
- endeavour to project a more stimulating and challenging image, and encourage the news media to play a more constructive role in their comment on British industry
- promote greater knowledge and understanding in schools of the role of industry and the career opportunities available to engineers by: informing school teachers, possibly by offering them sabbatical periods in industry; offering the most promising sixth-form students periods in industry during summer vacations; and encouraging the Government to regard the teaching of science subjects, as well as mathematics and English, as being highly desirable elements of general secondary education
- improve the planning of, and make budgetary provision for, increased levels of management-development training and more frequent technological updating.

The schools of higher education should:

- recognise that low admission standards in some areas, coupled with traditional curricula, are resulting in graduates receiving education unsuitable for their ultimate role in industry, and appropriate changes should be made to degree courses
- provide extended and more industry-oriented degree courses, the most advanced of which would provide an intellectual challenge to the most able students
- so far as possible, provide facilities to enable students to transfer between courses intended primarily for technician engineers and those for chartered engineers.

Secondary schools and local education authorities should:

- provide for teachers to spend short sabbatical periods in industry
- encourage bright students to spend some time in industry during summer vacations.

THE INTRODUCTION OF LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

Proposals have been made from time to time to introduce statutory registration and licensing to regulate the engineering profession like other professions in this country.

We have considered the question of statutory registration and licensing in the light of experience of the regulation of professions in this country and elsewhere, particularly Canada, the United States and South Africa. While a variety of views have been expressed in the course of discussion, we have concluded that statutory regulation of the engineering profession could be at once more firm, and more flexible in its response to changing circumstances, than a system based upon a consensus of engineering societies.

We therefore support the introduction of statutory regulation of the profession as being in the public interest, but subject to three provisos:

- that the controlling body should be a council composed mainly of members of the profession, so that the profession continued to be essentially self-regulating
- that the engineer members of the registering council should act in a personal capacity, in the interest of the profession as a whole. They might be elected by the registered engineers, or nominated by the responsible Minister from lists put forward by the chartered institutions; or some might be appointed by each method.
- that certain activities should be reserved to registered engineers.

As to the last point, we consider that the transfer from the present voluntary system of registration to a statutory system without any form of licensing would not be worth the effort it would entail. This is because statutory registration without licensing would contribute little, if anything, to improving the protection of the public; and the authority of the registering body would depend on the effect of its ultimate sanction, namely the withholding of registration. This would be minimal unless it restricted in some way an engineer's opportunities for employment.

If statutory registration were introduced, the legislation should include transitional arrangements to preserve the status and employment of existing members of the profession. We accordingly recommend:

- that a statutory council be created to set and administer the standard of qualification, and control the professional conduct of registered engineers
- that the council be composed mainly of professional engineers acting in a personal capacity on behalf of the engineering profession as a whole
- that suitable activities be reserved to registered engineers.

THE INSTITUTIONS' QUALIFYING ROLE

This Institution is the most authoritative repository of knowledge of the diverse activities embraced by the profession of electrical and electronic engineering and of industrial requirements in this area. It must therefore continue to play a major part in determining the qualifications by which Chartered Electrical Engineers are identified. At the same time it must continue to play its part, with others, to endeavour to set a suitable common standard for chartered engineers of all disciplines. As the required standards will rise and change inexorably, this harmonisation is a continuing and by no means easy task.

Under statutory registration and licensing the Institution would expect its senior members to play a substantial part in determining the qualifications required of chartered engineers in the electrical and electronics field by working with and advising the statutory registering body. It would expect its members to make their knowledge and experience as freely available to the statutory body as they do at present to the Council of the Institution.

We would see the role of the institutions in the qualifying process as being advisory, the executive responsibility residing in the registering council.

The council would need advice on all matters concerning the standard and nature of the required education, training and experience, and its decisions would need to be such as to establish as uniform a standard as possible over all engineering disciplines, while preserving the flexibility required to suit the different needs of the different disciplines.

The detailed work of assessing individual applications for registration would need to be done by senior engineers acting on behalf of the council. The council would need to look to the institutions to recommend engineers to assist it in this work.

If, as we would hope, an effective system were established for the accreditation of degree courses, the council would need the help of the institutions to recommend suitable engineers to carry out the investigations.

The IEE will keep under review the qualifications required for its own corporate membership and adjust them to meet the requirements of the electrical and electronics industry. Its standards for qualification of its corporate members will be raised in the relatively near future.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

It is important that sufficiently motivated engineers should have the opportunity of advancing their knowledge as their careers develop and as new technologies emerge.

As an engineer's career develops he will require formal instruction in new areas not perhaps included in his original education and training, such as in marketing, design, finance, production, project management and administration, communications and man management.

This Institution already provides continuing-education and career-development programmes of a formal nature through courses of study and vacation schools, and of an informal nature through conferences, publications, seminars and other learned-society activities. The Institution plans to continue and expand these activities in the future.

ABOUT THE IEE

The Institution of Electrical Engineers was founded in 1871 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1921, its Golden Jubilee year.

Its objects are: To promote the general advancement of electrical science and engineering and their applications; to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas on these subjects by means of meetings, exhibitions, publications and the establishment of libraries; and to give financial assistance for the promotion of invention and research.

As a qualifying body, the Institution admits to corporate membership persons whose academic attainment, professional training and responsible experience make them worthy of recognition as Chartered Electrical Engineers.

As a learned society, it holds over 800 meetings and about 70 conferences of one or more days' duration each year in about 150 places in the United Kingdom and abroad; it currently publishes 22 periodicals and about 10 new books each year; it conducts residential schools and correspondence courses on advanced topics; and it provides a computer-based information service.

As a regulating body, it controls the professional conduct of its members.

As a technical authority, it issues regulations for the safe installation of electrical and electronic equipment and takes a leading part in the formulation of national and international standards.

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Sir John Atwell, chairman of the Council of Engineering Institutions, addresses a conference at the London headquarters of the Institution of Civil Engineers attended by representatives of professional engineering institutions of the EEC.

Key role of consultants in work overseas

by Alan Grainge

More than £300m was earned last year by British consulting engineers through invisible exports. From the figures recently published by the Committee on Invisible Exports it is possible to make a comparison with some other invisible export earners: films and television provided £50m and advertising earned £97m; banking services earned £254m in invisible exports and Lloyd's underwriters £379m.

At the beginning of this year the Association of Consulting Engineers put the capital value of its members' overseas projects at about £32,000m. Although the association's membership is world wide the greater part of this work is in the hands of companies based in the United Kingdom and therefore makes an important contribution to Britain's invisible earnings.

About half of the contracts making up the £32,000m total are related to work being done in the Middle East. This is not surprising because of the big spending—particularly by the oil producing countries of the region—in the past few years on engineering and construction projects of all kinds. Most of the rest, about 35 per cent of the total, relates to construction projects in Africa. But where are the markets of the future likely to be for contractors and the consulting engineers who handle so much of their work?

Major-General P. J. M. Pellereau, secretary of the Association of Consulting Engineers (ACE), thinks that any contracting company which has not already established itself in the Middle East has probably left it too late. "But for the future much will depend on the source and availability of finance", he said.

"In the Middle East, for instance, the oil producing countries have been able to finance their own projects as well as provide substantial assistance for some of the poorer countries there and in Africa. Much of the rest of the Third World has had to rely on funds provided by the World Bank and other international financial institutions, and that seems likely to continue to be the case.

"The European Development Fund, however, should soon be making finance available to British contractors for new construction projects in the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries that were formerly parts of the British and French empires. The EDF is now reaching the end of its fourth phase and the next phase is due to start in 1980.

"Another interesting prospect could be India. Now that the Indian economy is apparently much healthier there seems to be a possibility of new construction and engineering projects being started there and also, perhaps, of the provision of Indian finance for projects in Indonesia, Thailand and possibly East Africa. Of course, China is the biggest potential market of all. The size of the projects and the sums involved are clearly going to be enormous. There have been several British missions to China in the last year or so which have reinforced our good relations, and any contractor or consulting firm that can get established there is going to be in a strong position."

Members of the ACE are all senior qualified engineers in one or more of the specialist fields—civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, mining, metallurgy, heating, ventilating and chemical engineering.

Mr Allan Trembath, an assistant secretary of the association, said: "The consulting engineer will first establish by such discussions as is necessary the client's general requirements. When these have been thoroughly evaluated the consultant will submit proposals by which the client's wishes can be satisfied.

"After the client has approved an outline project and its cost the consulting engineer will develop a design in detail and document the work so that contractors can prepare and submit competitive tenders for carrying out the work. The consulting engineer will examine the tenders, opening the sealed envelopes in the presence of the client, and will advise on which to accept.

"Once the contract is let the consulting engineer undertakes responsibility for the supervision of the construction, for making sure that the specified materials are used, that the design is followed and that the workmanship is of the necessary standard.

"During the process of the work and on completion the consulting engineer will issue certificates and payments to the co and, within the term contract, will settle ference which may a tween the client and tractor. The co engineer will finally that the project plete."

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In addition to the hand, however, th many more overseas involving British c engineers which are the investigation an stage. These include struction of airpo bours, desalination bridges, hotels, hydr plants, railways an tion schemes.



Covered suk at Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. Contractors not already established in the Middle East may have left it too late.

Code of conduct is backed by penalties

by Marcel Berlins

The organizational changes which necessitated the Council of Engineering Institutions being granted a supplemental charter in July this year also made it necessary for it to draw up, for the first time, its own code of conduct and disciplinary procedures.

Before the changes—which included the admission of individual members to the CEI for the first time—the council had no need for a code of its own, although it had developed basic rules which were to be followed in the disciplinary codes of the constituent professional bodies.

The rules of conduct now drafted for the CEI itself are expected to come into force soon. They are at present in the final stages of the promulgation process. How successfully they work in practice, therefore, remains to be seen.

In drawing up the rules the CEI was faced with the initial problem that it was totally without experience in running a disciplinary code. All that had been left to the individual professions. By providing that many of its functions under the code of conduct could be delegated, the CEI is in effect allowing the practice of the constituent professions being responsible for their own professional standards to continue with overall power and control vested in the council. In practice, therefore, while it will be the CEI taking whatever action against a member is deemed appropriate, all the investigatory and judicial steps leading up to that decision will have been taken by members of the particular profession in question.

The code of conduct requires the engineer to uphold the dignity and reputation of his profession and to "safeguard the public interest in matters of safety and health and otherwise". He must not accept work which is beyond his competence or authority to undertake; must give objective advice; keep professional confidences; and disclose any interests he may have in projects in which he is involved professionally.

The engineer must not improperly solicit work nor, in Britain, pay bribes (a more delicate form of words is actually used in the code). It is, however, permissible for him to follow the custom prevalent elsewhere, which is a way of suggesting that if it is the practice in a particular country to make available financial inducements in connexion with obtaining work, it would not be misconduct for the engineer to do likewise.

The rules provide that on receipt of a complaint, the CEI sets up an investigating panel, consisting of three chartered engineers, who would be of the same profession as the member against whom the complaint is made. This is because people from other disciplines would not have sufficient knowledge of the professional practices involved.

The panel, after making what inquiries it considers necessary, including asking the member for his explanation of the event in question, can decide to take the matter no further, even if it finds that some breach of the code of conduct has occurred. It has the power to issue a reprimand, however, or require an undertaking from the member about his future conduct.

Where the panel considers the breach to be more serious, it would refer the case to the disciplinary body, together with the report of its inquiries, and the specific charges of which it believes the member to be guilty.

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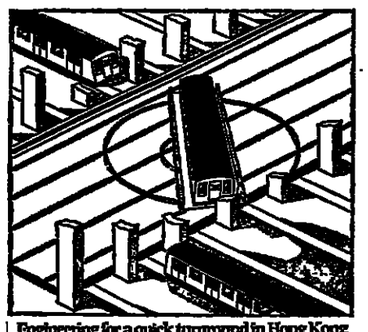
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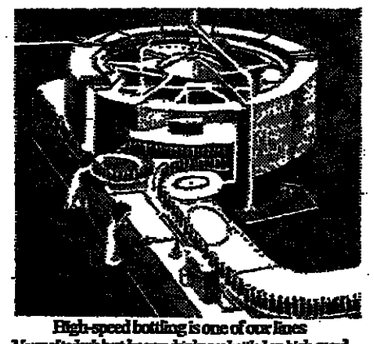
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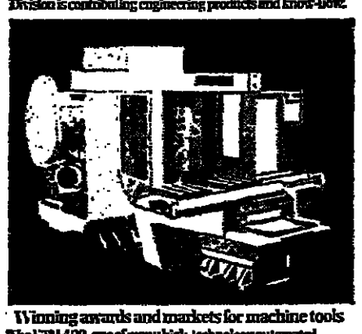
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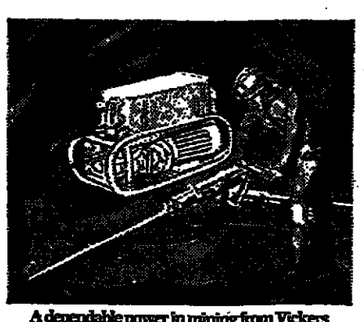
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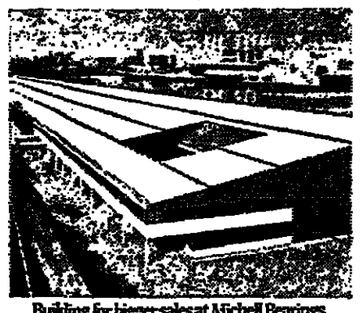
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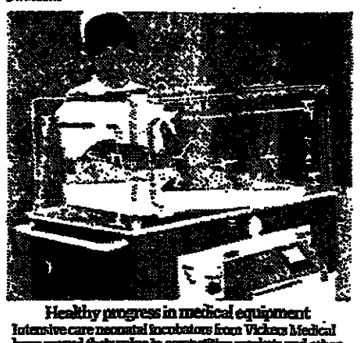
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Britain is joining Europe airbus consortium with stake of 20pc

By Arthur Reed

Britain will join the Euro-an airbus consortium with a per cent share from nuary, according to reports manating from Paris last ght. A French Ministry of ansport communiqué said at negotiations were con-uded in Paris late on Mon-y night.

M Joel Le Theule, the French nsport minister, commented at "nothing now stood in e way" of British participa-n, and both the French and est German Governments, the jor partners in the consor-m, had agreed that Britain ould join.

In London there was agree-nt that meetings had taken ce at official level in Paris, t it was pointed out that any cord that may have been ached will have to be con-med by ministers, and will most certainly have to go the Cabinet.

British financial commitment the airbus project remains be spelled out, but Britain ll gain a full seat on the ard, and her industry, repre-nted by the nationalized itish Aerospace, will win con-acts to build the wings for e 200-seater version of the 00, the A310

In addition, Britain will come an important partner in ture airbus developments, ainly a 180-seater airliner ded the JET (joint European nsport) 2.

The agreement brings to an d months of bickering tween Britain and France, ought to a head when British irways announced it was to y 19 airliners at a cost of 00m from Boeing of the nited States.

The French were furious that e airline had been allowed turn its back on airliners ing offered from the Euro-an industry and demanded at British Airways should ake a commitment to purchase 10s as well as 757s.

This, the British Government s unwilling to force British rways to do, but it is now umed that in the talks in ris some long-term commitment for British Airways to consider the 310 was inserted into the agreement.

A further stumbling block has been French insistence that Britain should have no power of veto in any major airbus decisions, including sales, although ostensibly a full member of the European aviation "club".

Ian Murray writes from Paris: The French statement said that British Aerospace would not obtain its equivalent representation on the board with its French and West German partners until August 1, 1981.

This is when it is expected that the development costs of the present airbus, borne essentially by France and West Germany, will have been met by sales. From then on British Aerospace would have the right of veto on the board.

Britain's negotiators had avoided making any commitment for British Airways to buy any airbus and had still emerged with favourable terms, buying in with a $50m (about £25m) stake for their 20 per cent

They had done this by dangling the threat of a new Anglo-American alliance in the aircraft industry, saying that if undue pressure to buy was exerted there would be no alternative but to join a transatlantic consortium instead.

The order for the Boeing 757s placed by British Airways stands.

Nevertheless, it is felt that Britain has virtually abandoned any ideas of buying the Boeing 767.

According to the French statement British Airways has already told the British Government that trial comparisons it had made showed that the A-310 met the needs for a wide fuselage medium range carrier better than any other.

The statement goes on: "The British Government will abstain from supporting the participation of its industry in the development and production of all civil programmes in competition with those of Airbus Industrie".

American entrepreneur says mine was undercapitalized and administratively top-heavy

£8m sought from City to revive Wheal Jane

By Michael Prest

An American entrepreneur, Mr Robert L. Sprinkel, is seeking City support for an £8m bid to save Wheal Jane, the Cornish tin mine owned by Consolidated Gold Fields and closed in April with the loss of 400 jobs.

Several institutions have expressed interest in putting up funds, but the final decision is delayed pending and independent report, expected in three or four weeks.

City sources estimated that Gold Fields' asking price for the mine could be between £1m and £2m. The rest of the £8m total will be needed to restructure the mine and to cover costs while no revenue accrues. Mr Sprinkel yesterday described Gold Fields' price as "fair" but declined to be more specific.

Mr Sprinkel, aged 43, is being advised by a leading merchant bank and a well known firm of stockbrokers. He will himself take a substantial, though notnecessarily controlling, interest in a new company which would be formed to run Wheal Jane. He will also be chairman of the company. It is not at present intended to try to raise money from the government.

Discussions have been held, however, with the regional finance division of the epartment of Industry on who is to pay for the pumps at the neighbouring Mount Wellington mine, which was closed just before Wheal Jane, to prevent the mines from flooding.

Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State at the epartment, said last night that the Government would continue to pay for the pumps "for a further period".

Gold Fields, whose analysis of Wheal Jane was that it suffered from "too much water and too little tin", said "our position remains unaffected". They are waiting for a formal offer from Mr Sprinkel and his associates, although it is understood that informal talks on price and conditions for taking over the mine have already been held.

Wheal Jane was reopened by Gold Fields in 1971 as part of its drive to diversify out of South Africa amid high hopes of a revival of Cornwall's ancient industry. In 1976 production was just 1,000 tons and an "exceptional" provision of £2.8m was made against losses.

In April of that year financial support was agreed with the Department of Industry, but was never used because during 1977 production slumped to 750 tons and Gold Fields decided that the expected ore grade of 1 per cent would not be achieved over the life of the mine.

But the company stresses that contrary to some suggestions it was "wholly satisfied" with the recovery rate of 65 to 70 per cent, which in fact was slightly higher than expected.

The attempt to save the mine and to revitalize the area is based on independent reports commissioned by Mr Sprinkel and his associates. A final report is awaited from Mackay & Schnellmann, mine consultants.

Mr Sprinkel rejects Gold Fields analysis and claim instead that the mine's problems were largely the result of "an old mine being run by a modern company"—specifically, that huge mines in South Africa did not equip it for the complexities of a Cornish tin mine with a sometimes unpredictable stope two feet wide.

Mr Sprinkel points out that although Gold Fields spent a lot of money developing the mine, it "was undercapitalized below ground. Stopes were not cut in the right numbers in sufficient places to blend the ore and provide a steady flow to the mill, which in any case was twice as big as necessary.

The mine organization was top-heavy with administrators. There was too much water at the bottom in level 9 from which ore was supposed to be extracted because it had not been undercut for drainage.

On the basis of the reports a new mine plan is being drawn up for the first 10 operating quarters from January 1, 1979. It is expected that the grade will rise from 0.777 per cent in the opening year to 0.9 per cent in the fourth year.

Tonnage mined should be 228,000 a year, which, allowing for loss of slimes, would be a mill throughput of 201,000 tons. Wheal Jane's prospective owners hope for a return on capital employed of 30 per cent.

Cornish sources last night welcomed the news that the new company will employ almost as many people as before, unemployment in the region being around 12 per cent.

Approaches have been made to several individuals not previously working at Wheal Jane to fill senior management posts, including that of mine manager. They have agreed to move providing the deal goes through.

Surprise choice for Guinness Mahon chair

By Ronald Pullen
Banking Correspondent

Mr Graham Starforth Hill is to succeed Mr Donald Robson as chairman of Guinness Mahon, the merchant banking arm of the Guinness Peat group headed by Lord Kissin.

The appointment, which was unexpected, follows a three-year programme by Lord Kissin to build Guinness Mahon into a significant force in the merchant banking field. During this time he has assembled a particularly eminent board of directors, several of whom were seen as potential chairmen.

High on the list was Sir Derek Mitchell, who came to the bank a year ago from the Treasury. Other potential candidates were thought to include Mr Jean-Pierre Fraysse, the present deputy chairman, who has been credited with the bank's recent expansion into the international arena.

Mr Hill is a senior member of the Bar, and Lord Kissin commented last night that "lawyers tend to make the best merchant banking heads." He came into the public eye when he was appointed by the Singapore Government to investigate the affairs of Haw Par in July, 1975, during the Slater Walker affair.

He resigned his position as a senior inspector, however, three months later to join Guinness Mahon, who at the time acted as Haw Par's financial advisers.



Mr Graham Starforth Hill.

Mr Donald Robson took over the chairmanship of the bank in July, 1976, when Sir Charles Villiers became chairman of the British Steel Corporation.

He came from International Commercial Bank, a leading London consortium bank, and, together with the appointment of Mr Fraysse from Lloyds Bank International, this marked a concerted effort by Guinness Mahon to develop its overseas business, especially in the Eurocurrency markets.

Mr Robson is staying on as a part-time executive director.

Other recent newcomers to Guinness Mahon have included Lord Goodman, the lawyer who acts as a consultant to the board, Mr A. Singer, chairman, of the Post Office Pension Fund, and Sir David Hill-Wood, formerly a leading stockbroker with Capel-Cure Myers.

Despite these arrivals at the bank there is still no obvious successor to Lord Kissin as chairman

Dr Emminger foresees an EMS to exclude countries outside snake

By Peter Norman,
Brussels, Oct 24

West Germany would not be sorry to see the proposed European monetary system operating with some EEC members not taking part, according to Dr Otmar Emminger, president of the West German Federal Bank.

The bank today published remarks made by him to a private gathering of businessmen in Baden-Baden on Saturday, in which he said that the new system should begin cautiously and in stages, to limit the risks to price stability inherent in EMS.

"That means one should not count on the immediate accession of all non-snake EEC countries, in so far as there is no guarantee of a sufficient convergence (of their economies) on a stable basis."

Although Dr Emminger did not single out any specific countries, it would seem that he was referring primarily to Britain and Italy.

His hard-line statements, coming just a few days after the bilateral consultations between the West German and British Governments in Bonn last week, suggest that Germany is in no mood to concede points to accommodate the present British ideas on how EMS should function.

The three major "outsiders"—Britain, France and Italy—were experiencing a favourable trend in their balance of payments, but it was an open question whether there had been a similar increase in their chances of achieving price stability.

His main concern was for longer-term prospects if the differences in inflation rates inside the EEC were not reduced fundamentally.

If a monetary system were to be established it would have to be free of crises for more than one or two years. Nothing would do greater damage to the idea of continuing monetary integration than the failure of EMS.

Dr Emminger claimed that the Federal Bank in Frankfurt and the Bonn Government agreed on all major points concerning the requirements for a new system that would endure and be free of crisis.

The experience of operating the existing European currency snake showed that its expansion could produce major problems even if the new system adopted the parity grid as the basis for currency intervention and included only a modest adjustment to existing credit mechanisms.

For this reason it was wrong to regard the present negotiations over the role of the indicative basket proposed for the EMS and over new or expanded credit facilities, as a problem of secondary importance.

A second intervention system linked to the basket—as demanded by Britain—would produce enormous and unnecessary complications of a technical nature.

System scorned: Lord Armstrong, chairman of the Midland Bank, and former head of the Civil Service, said the planned monetary scheme was worthless and would be of no advantage to Britain.

"I don't think this particular scheme at this particular time is worth a row of beans."

Italy shares UK doubts, page 30
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19 companies removed from pay blacklist

By Patricia Tisdall

The names of 19 companies have been removed from the secret blacklist of those which have breached the Government's Phase Three pay guidelines. Mr Joel Barnett, First Secretary to the Treasury, disclosed in a written parliamentary answer last night that the number of firms subject to sanctions for having paid their employees wage increases in breach of last year's 10 per cent guidelines is now 55.

He also said in reply to a question by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Conservative economic spokesman, that no company had yet been blacklisted for a breach of the Phase Four guidelines, which came into operation three months ago.

The effect of blacklisting is to bar companies from tendering for government contracts. At no stage are the names made public without the written permission of the companies concerned. However, there is growing disquiet about the effectiveness of the internal procedures involved and anxiety about delays and confusion in getting names removed.

Once a blacklisted company has satisfied the Department of Employment that its pay settlements now conform with the incomes policy, a notice to that effect is sent out from the Treasury to individual government departments. These then inform the various purchasing authorities for which they are responsible. There are considerable variations in the styles of wording used and big variations in the speed at which amendments may reach the purchasing units.

The lists are being altered constantly. A confidential circular sent out by the Department of Health and Social Security to regional health authorities and boards of governors in August for example includes the names of two firms no longer in breach of the incomes policy on the same notice as eight new additions to the blacklist. Staff are asked to no longer withhold contracts from these two firms. In the same letter they are requested not to place business with the newcomers.

ritain paying 500m to MF this month

Caroline Atkinson

Britain is likely to pay back 000m (£500m) to the Inter-tional Monetary Fund out of e official reserves this month. e decision to pay back this mount early was announced ne months ago but it was t certain when and how it ould be done.

It now seems it will be part the early drawings on the andby credit arranged at the d of 1976. This will not rectly benefit the fund as it me out of the General Agree-ent to Borrow (GAB) and t the fund's own resources.

Britain's reserves stood at 6,511m at the end of Septem-r. The decision to pay back e money does not affect the gal position of Britain's omises to the IMF on econ-mic policy, as long as the ght to draw on the standby is aintained. However, in prac-e the United Kingdom is no nger beholden to the IMF on economic policies.

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Leyland raises parity pay offer to manual unions

By Clifford Webb

British Leyland has broken the deadlocked pay negotiations with its manual unions by increasing its offer on parity payments for 100,000 workers.

As a result the joint negotiations committee has agreed to hold a further meeting in Coventry on Friday, the third in six days—a reflection of the importance both sides attach to reaching an early conclusion after months of difficult bargaining.

A pointer to the growing optimism last night was the arrangements being made to hold a meeting of all senior shop stewards on Monday to brief them on the outcome of Friday's talks with the management.

The company has still not given way to union pressure to advance the implementation of parity from November 1, 1979 to November 1 this year. It is still insisting that the substantial pay increases which will be required to lift all plants to the highest rates—as much as £15 a week in some cases—must be financed by improved productivity.

However, this is seen by the unions as a bargaining position which could be relaxed on Friday to clinch the deal. They are hoping that after a month of productivity improvements management will be prepared to advance the introduction.

The need for an early conclusion to the talks was underlined yesterday by Mr Roy Fraser, leader of the unofficial BL Cars toolroom committee. He described news of the progress as "pure speculation aimed at undermining the toolmakers' support".

In an obvious reference to the recent statement by Mr Michael Edwardes, BL chairman, that urgently needed new car development work was being delayed by union opposition to subcontracting, Mr Fraser said toolmakers would not allow more subcontracting until they were paid the competitive rate for the job.

£78m Leyland orders, page 30

Price panel tells hauliers to improve efficiency

By Edward Townsend

Britain's road haulage industry, responsible for the movement of 85 per cent of the nation's goods, has received a warning from the Price Commission that its charges could be restricted if it fails to improve efficiency, cut costs and keep price increases to a modest level in the next year.

In an examination of the country's truck operators, the commission says in a report published yesterday that unit costs are too high and "generally greater than those which ought to be incurred by efficient suppliers".

It accepts that some of the estimated 46,400 "professional" road hauliers need to strengthen their ability to replace vehicles, which could properly be achieved by increasing charges to allow for adequate depreciation provisions.

But improvements in efficiency would make possible the absorption of the effects of common costs such as fuel and wages.

It urges that the sector be kept under continuing review to ensure that such higher costs should not automatically be reflected in prices.

Apart from some individual increases it is reckoned that in the present economic circumstances, including the stabilization of oil prices, "we would expect to see only a very modest rise in charges over the next 12 months, certainly not above the rate of inflation currently prevailing in the economy."

The commission says that if charges do rise above these levels, specific or general restrictions on charges and/or margins should be applied, and it stresses that it will use these considerations in examination of any future proposed price increases.

The Road Haulage Association said it refuted the commission's contention that it was possible to absorb costs like fuel and wages. The Prices and Incomes Board in 1965 had recognized that such costs could not be absorbed and "the position has not changed".

The RHA said the report acknowledged many of the difficulties which through no fault of their own road hauliers had continued to face over the years.

The commission recommends that greater efforts be made to find loads for vehicles returning empty, wider adoption of shift and seven-day working, revision of wages and greater use of the tachograph, the controversial instrument for recording a driver's hours.

While recognizing the complexity of the industry, the commission says employers and unions should get together at national level to develop a framework for use at individual company negotiations.

Cost of PAYE tables soar from £112,000 to £2.3m

By Christopher Wilkins

The cost of producing the Pay-As-You-Earn tax tables for the present year is forecast by the Treasury to leap from £112,000 to £2.3m. The number of pages this year is 500 compared to 36 last year.

This extraordinary jump in both the cost and the size of the tables, revealed by Mr Robert Sheldon, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, in response to a question by Mr Nigel Lawson, Conservative, Blaby, Leicestershire, is attributable chiefly to the introduction of the new 25 per cent tax band in the April Budget.

It also largely accounts for the projected increase of 350 staff this year, rising to about 730 in subsequent years. At the beginning of this year the total staff of the Inland Revenue was 85,497.

The new tax band has significantly complicated the PAYE tables since a variety of alternatives has had to be included to allow for movements in and out of 25 and 33 per cent tax bands, depending upon such temporary phenomena as sickness, overtime, bonuses, unemployment and so on.

A further addition to costs has arisen from the Conservative amendment to the Finance Bill, changing the basic rate of tax from 34 to 33 per cent. Following the Budget resolution in April the Inland Revenue prepared and printed a new set of tables to cover the 25 per cent tax band. These were sent to employers at the end of July.

Wilson committee split on small firms

By Bryan Appleyard

A division has emerged on e issue of small businesses ithin Sir Harold Wilson's com-ittee on the functioning of the nancial institutions.

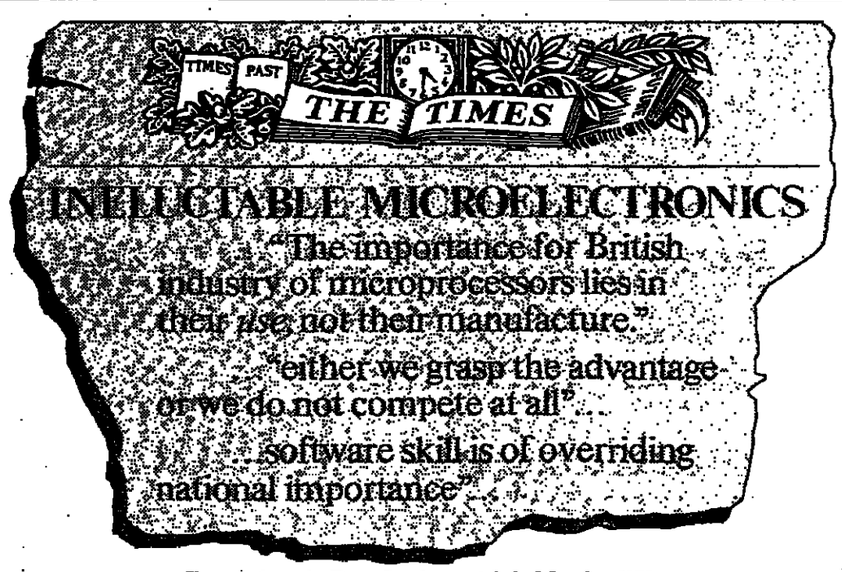
Professor Joan Mitchell of ottingham University and Mr achary Brierley, a small busin-sman, apparently are divided whether the tax system is a gnificant disincentive for the evelopment of small busin-sses.

Along with Lord Allen of the Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers, they formed a special three member sub-group of the committee set up to look specifically at the problem. Their draft report went to members of the full committee earlier this month.

The idea was that this should be used as the basis for an interim report from the committee to be published at the end of this year. However, the division is now certain to delay publication.

The problem is that the report was intended to contain both observations and conclusions but the latter are proving difficult to draft because of the difference.

To get around this a new drafting group has been established under the auspices of Sir Harold himself to try to find an agreed form.



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The Times index: 219.24+0.14
The FT index: 496.5+0.9

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lied Irish	5p to 234p	Highland	10p to 157p
NZ Grp	9p to 306p	Killinghall	5p to 255p
c of Ireland	5p to 450p	Laporte Ind	5p to 119p
c of NSW	12p to 620p	Paterson Zoch	13p to 193p
oken Hill	5p to 665p	Smurfit	5p to 208p
stlefield	5p to 265p	Unilever	4p to 546p
ment Roadstn	5p to 106p	Waterford Glass	4p to 64p
ed Lnd & Build	5p to 51p	Western Mining	6p to 138p

Falls

yvoors	16p to 296p	Nthgate Explor	25p to 350p
e La Rue	11p to 450p	Southvaal	13p to 490p
oornfontein	15p to 262p	Venterspost	15p to 193p
Driefontein	21p to 659p	Welkom	15p to 290p
loof	24p to 507p	Winkelhaak	20p to 552p
ibanon	13p to 476p	W Rand Cons	13p to 127p

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	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.76	1.70
Austria Sch	28.25	26.25
Belgium Fr	63.75	60.25
Canada $	2.44	2.37
Denmark Kr	10.56	10.06
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.80
France Fr	8.72	8.32
Germany Dm	3.83	3.61
Greec Dr	74.50	70.50
Hongkong $	9.70	9.25
Italy Lr	1695.00	1610.00
Japan Yn	390.00	365.00
Netherlands Gld	4.16	3.93
Norway Kr	10.20	9.75
Portugal Esc	93.50	88.00
S Africa Rd	2.05	1.90
Spain Pes	148.00	141.00
Sweden Kr	8.88	8.48
Switzerland Fr	3.27	3.05
US $	2.06	2.00
Yugoslavia Dnr	43.50	41.00

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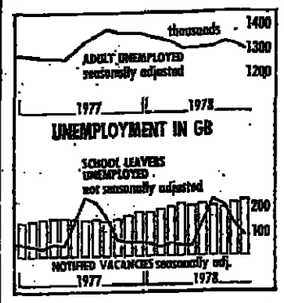
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£36.9m loan to British Rail

Luxembourg Oct 24.—A loan of £36.9m has been granted by the European Investment Bank to British Rail, for the construction of 36 high-speed diesel trains.

The loan is for 15 years at an interest rate of 9.9 per cent and will cover 50 per cent of the projected manufacturing and testing costs. Last year, the bank already granted a loan of £7.2m for the construction of special depots



Unions veto yard redundancies

By Peter Hill

Shipbuilding industry union leaders yesterday reaffirmed their opposition to any compulsory redundancies in the industry after three hours of talks with executives of British Shipbuilders.

A subcommittee of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions held the first of a series of consultative meetings with executives of the state industry to discuss the organization's corporate plan. This will be presented to the Government before the end of the year.

After the meeting both sides insisted that the discussion had not dealt with the question and scale of redundancies, although British Shipbuilders expects orders to peter out within the next year or so.

There has been speculation that the organization is looking for a reduction of 10,000 in its labour force to cut its heavy losses.

Directors in plea for 'customer democracy'

By Patricia Tisdall

Government proposals for industrial democracy would destroy wealth, the Institute of Directors said in submissions to the Secretary of State for Trade this week.

It argues that the proposals would extend the power of producers at the expense of customers. "We are all customers and we will all suffer if the Government forces trade unionists into British boardrooms", Mr Jan Hildreth, director-general of the institute, states. "What we want is customer, not industrial, democracy.

"Wealth is created from consumer satisfaction, not from producer privilege."

Directors maintain that their selection to the boardroom must be based on ability to do the job rather than as representatives of any particular interested party. The institute maintains that directors' allegiance is to the company as a whole and not to any particular interested group.

"The board should be a close-knit team working in the interests of the whole company", Mr Hildreth argues. "It must not be turned into two separate teams, one fighting for the shareholders and the other for the employees.

"If that were allowed to happen, all the conflicts of collective bargaining would be brought into the boardroom and the customer would be left out in the cold."

The institute was one of the bodies invited to give its views on the Government's industrial democracy proposals.

Mr Hildreth goes further in stressing the role of profit as a measure of business success. "So long as effective competition is maintained", he says, "profit is the difference between value measured in terms of customer satisfaction, and the cost of human effort used in creating that satisfaction."

'Black British Aerospace work' call by Apex

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

White collar workers at British Aerospace establishments are being asked by the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex) to black work from the corporation's central computer systems unit at Chester.

The union is demanding recognition for 40 computer systems design staff. They are the first head office managers employed in the aircraft group in British Aerospace to seek negotiating rights as members of a trade union.

The 40 Apex members, who comprise 90 per cent of the computer systems design staff at Chester, have been operating a "work to contract" since October 2 in support of their claim.

Mr Roy Grantham, the union's general secretary, said: "We are left with no option than to threaten a national blacking campaign. Despite several meetings at divisional and national level, British Aerospace has refused to concede recognition to our members."

Four marketing institute awards

Rontree Mackintosh, the confectionery group, yesterday received the Institute of Marketing's principal national award, particularly for its efforts in launching and establishing its new Yorkie cholocate bar.

The second category award went to International Paint Marine Coatings for the marketing of an improved anti-fouling paint for ships, and the third category winner was Air Anglia, a private company which has succeeded in operating new regular air services from east coast towns.

Fourth winner was Norlett, a company making garden equipment, for the success of a small garden cultivator. The awards were presented by Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board.

Crucial meetings ahead involving 4 EEC leaders

Italy shares Britain's reservations on aspects of new monetary system

Italy is keeping its options open about joining the proposed European Monetary System, which is due to be approved by the European Community summit in Brussels on December 4, and to begin on January 1.

Italy's attitude will be influenced by important meetings with Community partners in coming weeks—with President Giscard d'Estaing of France, who arrives here tomorrow with Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, in Siena on November 1, and with Mr James Callaghan, whom the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Giulio Andreotti, visits in London on November 23.

The hesitancy over the EMS emerged in an interview with Signor Filippo Maria Pandolfi, the Treasury Minister, who said, "The moment has not yet arrived for yes or no, because we do not yet know what we have to say yes or no to. The system is still under construction." However, he added it was incumbent on all to try to make the answer "yes".

The forthcoming series of meetings would serve to clarify whether variations could be introduced to the scheme favoured by last July's admittedly indecisive summit at Bremen, which also foresaw transitory arrangements for weaker currencies.

Signor Pandolfi said the Italian and British positions were, in effect, very similar. Italy, however, faced the additional problem of having to make its economy converge towards—and not diverge from—the future system by showing it was effectively reducing its inflation, now running at about 12 per cent, and labour costs.



Signor Filippo Maria Pandolfi: Not the time to answer yes or no.

As the minister put it: "The European house must be healthy, but we who enter it must be healthy too."

Europe could not risk another failure on the road to monetary union, as had happened in the early 1970s. Failure would bring "grave repercussions on the functioning of the international monetary system, on the future and the possibilities of the economic building of Europe, and on the situation of individual countries."

Behind Signor Pandolfi's cautious words, the feeling is growing in local political circles that Italy will be unable to join the proposed system for some time, certainly not on January 1. The Socialists and Communists, whose support for the Government is essential, are increasingly critical of the conditions so far negotiated.

The positions of Italy and Britain are said to be very close on the method employed for identifying a divergent currency; on the obligation (as automatic as possible) for intervention to counteract divergencies; on the wide margins needed for the present floating currencies (at least double those obtaining in the snake, or 4.5 per cent), on the future European Monetary Fund, and the concurrent studiesfor criteria on measuring relative wealth in EEC countries.

One point on which little progress appears to have been made among the Nine is the frequency with which parity adjustments should be possible—whether infrequent and large, or more frequent, and smaller.

John Earle
in Rome

China buys UK aviation expertise

By Arthur Reed

British Airways, the British Airport Authority, and the Civil Aviation Authority are forming a consortium to sell aviation services to the Republic of China in a deal which could be worth many millions of pounds.

China, which has already bought a fleet of British Aerospace Trident airliners, needs a wide range of aviation expertise covering airline operations, airports building and administration, and air traffic control services.

In an initial deal worth just under £1m to British Airways China has contracted to have the Rolls-Royce Spey jet engines which power its Tridents serviced by the state airline at its Heathrow airport, London, engineering base.

British Airways said yesterday that it had entered the world aviation market in an attempt to sell a wide range of services.

Judge rejects deal on Westinghouse bribes

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Oct 24

An agreed settlement of a foreign bribery case reached between Westinghouse and the Department of ustice was rejected today by the United States District Court here.

Judge Barrington Parker indicated that the fines imposed on Westinghouse might not be adequate, that the public had a right to know more details of the case and that the court needed more proof that Wesinghouse had stopped making questionable foreign payments.

The decision, which forces Westinghouse and the Justice Department to go back to the negotiating table, came as a surprise, not only to the parties involved, but to corporate lawyers.

Should other courts share Judge Parker's views, it might become far harder for companies accused of bribery to reach settlements with the authorities that do not reveal the countries and officials involved.

Westinghouse and the Justice Department had agreed to a detailed settlement under which the department would withhold all details of the 30 charges in in return for guilty pleas and willingness to pay $300,000 (£150,000) in fines.

Judge Parker said in rejecting the agreement that "Here you have a corporation with over $300,000 worth of bribes in a settlement agreement that is less than the amount of bribes."

The charges concerned payments to a foreign offical between 1975 and 1977 in connexion with transactions that involved the United States Export-Import Bank and the Agency for International Development.

Judge Parker today told lawyers: "Gentlemen I leave you to other options. I will not accept it (the agreed settlement".

Norway seeks bigger slice of N Sea supply contracts

By Nicholas Hirst
Energy Correspondent

Norway is pressing for a greater share of the supplies of equipment and services for North Sea oil exploration and production for its own industry.

A framework for cooperation between United Kingdom and Norwegian firms supplying the North Sea has been prepared by the Offshore Supplies Office and the Norwegian Oil and Energy Ministry, but so far it has had little effect.

Mr Trygve Tambursten, the Norwegian Under-Secretary for Oil and Energy, in London yesterday for the Europec 78 offshore exhibition and conference, said British companies had a share of between 10 and 12 per cent in the oil in the Norwegian Statfjord field and United Kingdom suppliers had accounted for about 15 per cent of the equipment.

In contrast Norway had a share of 17 per cent in the Murchison field, which is largely in the United Kingdom sector, but Norwegian suppliers had so far accounted for less than 1 per cent of the equipment.

"There is room for more cooperation both in the North Sea and for exports to other markets", Mr Tambursten said. "If there is more cooperation between the United Kingdom and Norwegian firms they will be in a better position to meet international competition."

Some companies had already had discussions, he said. But so far the OSO had been more successful in gaining North Sea work in Britain for United Kingdom suppliers than the Norwegian ministry had in its own sector.

Mr Tambursten said that he frequently raised the question of a trade-off in supplies to fields which crossed the United Kingdom/Norwegian median line and would be raising it again while in London in discussions with Dr J. Dickson Mabon, the Minister of State at the Department of Energy.

Mr Tambursten will also be exploring progress in implementing agreed safety plans in the North Sea.

At a press conference yesterday he said Norway had not been entirely happy with Mobil's operations in the Statfjord field, but had no plans to replace it.

Under the fourth round of licensing now taking place, Norway would try to give operators a greater equity share in fields, and cut down the number of companies with individual licences.

Water boards achieve second large surplus

By John Huxley

England and Wales water authorities achieved a surplus of £95m last year after charging supplementary depreciation of £47m. In 1976-77, when no such depreciation was charged, the surplus was £90m.

The National Water Council says in its annual report published yesterday that in both years the size of the surplus has been due largely to exceptional factors unlikely to recur.

Last year some £46m was saved in interest charges because of falling rates, reductions in capital spending and assistance from revenue balances. The report says further savings were due to the lower rate of inflation, and improved efficiency.

At the end of the last financial year the authorities carried forward balances of £156m which will be used to hold charges down.

Finance charges—depreciation and interest—accounted for almost half the 10 authorities' expenditure, while 23 per cent was attributed to wages and salaries.

Bus orders valued at £78m taken by Leyland

Double-deck bus orders totalling almost £80m were announced by the passenger vehicle division of Leyland Vehicles at the international motor show, near Birmingham, yesterday. An additional £20m can be added to the order book if reserved production spaces are included.

The orders, which involve deliveries scheduled for the remainder of this year, the whole of 1979 and into 1980, amount to more than 4,000 double-deck chassis and bodies worth in all £78.1m.

Customers include every mayor city transport undertaking in the United Kingdom, the National Bus Company and the Scottish Bus Group as well as leading operators around the world, like Singapore, Hongkong and Tehran.

Leyland factories in Lancashire, Leeds, Lowestoft, Bristol, Wolverhampton and Park Royal (London) are involved in double-deck manufacture and the current order book includes vehicles from all these plants.

More than £21m of the total order book is accounted for by the new generation Leyland Titan double-decker, now in full production at Park Royal Vehicles in north London.

Talks soon on Oslo's Volvo stake

By Peter Hill

Talks are to be held shortly between the Norwegian and Swedish Prime Ministers over the proposed purchase by the Norwegian Government of a 40 per cent interest in Volvo, the Swedish motor group.

Preliminary agreement was reached in May on the deal which was seen as a significant move towards industrial and economic cooperation between the two countries.

But the Norwegian Federation of Industry and Mr Erling Norvik, leader of the Conservative party, have attacked the deal. The federation says it will create only 800 new jobs compared with the estimate of 3,000 to 5,000 over a five-year period.

The federation however did support exporting Norwegian capital to profitable projects.

Mr Norvik criticized the Government for lack of information on the price and the risks involved.

A detailed report on the terms is scheduled to be presented to the Norwegian Parliament on November 24.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opencast mining: a 'dreadful prospect

From Mr G. D. Ashley

Sir, It was with great disappointment and apprehension for the future that I read Mr Davies's reply (October 16) to my inquiry (October 12) as to what experimentation on "restored" opencast land had taken, or is taking place, since Mr Wilkinson's and my work 1958-60.

It is true I assume that there is currently planned, or just commencing, a series of studies and experimental projects connected with land restoration to some of which Mr Davies has referred. However, these demonstrate two important facts, first that at last and unfortunately too late for countless ruined acres of good arable land the Opencast Executive and MAFF have been forced to acknowledge the irreparable damage of present restoration methods, to some extent no doubt from pressure of informed and in some cases, expert evidence adduced at public inquiries; secondly that there appears to have been no effective study or successful experimentation done over the past 18 years as Mr Davies's silence on this point confirms.

What is patently obvious is that research is now planned into problems the answers to some of which were known 20 years ago and disregarded or conveniently overlooked for commercial or financial expediency or even worse that the only answer was to stop the open cast working of viable land altogether.

Example 1: It is a well-known fact in 1960 that, due to the inevitable compaction of subsoil and overburden, quite apart from the loss of hydro-levels, trees had no chance of rooting in the long term. To satisfy the planners the idea of planting semi-mature trees was enthusiastically embraced with the now famous tree-planting machine even though it was known the roots would not be able in the long term to penetrate beyond the existing root-ball thus leading to their eventuel death.

Example 2: It was also well known that by storing top-soil and sub-soil in large compacted mounds for periods of three months or more all macro- (eg, earthworms) and micro- (bacteria) fauna inside the mound were totally destroyed.

The only solution was, and is, to spread the top-soil over an area of at least equal size to the site, similary for the sub-soil. This was and apparently remains unacceptable for perhaps obvious reasons.

As a result this vital factor has been ignored and the concept of a "living" soil being destroyed has been swept under the carpet.

It is a generally accepted fact that experimentation proven result is a long d out process even when stage of an experiment ceeds at the first attempt is particularly true in land experimentation and utilization where there some striking uncertainties talk in terms of 25 yea perhaps an under-estima the time factor involved.

The dreadful prospect apparent from the total la substantial investigation the past 20 years is that Opencast Executive, if allowed to pursue its intr rate of extraction, will completed the removal o present known wor reserves in this country t any *reliable* research has completed and resulted in I know from my actual experience will demand a pletely new approach whi best will require a Depar of Reclamation of the st azoic land created in the and future by the pr methods now being used.

What will Mr Davies a staff say then?

Yours faithfully,
G. D. ASHLEY,
Director,
NovAsol Ltd,
59 Central Boulevard,
Wheatley Hills,
Doncaster.
October 20.

Prestressed concrete

From Mr Norman Harding

Sir, Professor A. J. Harris is perfectly right when he says that the demolition of buildings containing prestressed concrete entails no special hazards when the contractor is advised by an experienced chartered engineer ("Demolition of prestressed concrete", October 18).

The Corporation of London in campaigning for a register of buildings containing prestressed concrete was concerned only with keeping a record of this information and not in imposing any new regulations, as Professor Harris suggests. I would be the first to agree that there is no reason to discourage the use of prestressed concrete and that it is a useful and well-tried structural technique.

We are, however, anxious that demolition contractors should be aware that prestressed concrete has been used in a building, so that they can take the appropriate measures and our campaign was to this end only.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN HARDING,
Chairman, Planning and Communications Committee,
Members' Room,
Guildhall,
London, EC2P 2EJ.
October 19.

Asphalt trade association

From Mr Geoffrey Potter

Sir, Your Business Diary (October 19) refers to the Asphalt and Coated Macadam Association as the "employers' organization". This is not correct: the employers' organization in our industry is the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors. We are a *trade association* with the primary purpose of cooperating with Government and others in order to help to maintain the quality of our members' products and to provide the users of these products with technical advice. A large part of our day-to-day activities consists of research and technical training.

As such, therefore, we are indeed in a good position to "argue the ills of the industry" in so far as these are caused by cuts in construction expenditure and have as their result a deterioration in the previous high standard of our road network, which is vital to the industrial wellbeing of this country.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY H. POTTER,
Director-General,
Asphalt and Coated Macadam Association,
25 Lower Belgrave Street,
London SW1W 0LS.

Mortgage delays

From Mr Nicholas Floyer

Sir, It was quite predi that delays in granting gages should have fail stop house prices Buyers are not induce offer less for a house. sellers must be compe for waiting.

My own well-known bu society has for some refused to accept a mo application until it reache top of their waiting list. odious practice amount rationing by ordeal: to mortgage, one must per the seller to wait a months, hoping that the and oneself prove to be gage-worthy.

It amazes me that it s be thought that artificial benefits anyone in any whatsoever. If mortgage r were directly rationed, mortgages granted pref tially to those who ask least (thus satisfying the est number of requests, prices would indeed be trained.

Yours faithfully,
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October 17.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

The following are the monthly figures for Great Britain:

	Total unad 000s	Seasonally adjusted 000s	%	Adult vacancies seasonally adjusted 000s
1977				
Sept	1,542	1,378	5.9	145
Oct	1,457	1,375	5.9	154
Nov	1,438	1,373	5.9	157
Dec	1,420	1,365	5.9	163
1978				
Jan	1,485	1,361	5.8	178
Feb	1,446	1,350	5.8	185
March	1,399	1,340	5.7	194
April	1,387	1,326	5.7	202
May	1,325	1,307	5.6	208
June	1,331	1,305	5.6	216
July	1,512	1,310	5.6	209
Aug	1,534	1,331	5.7	208
Sept	1,447	1,317	5.6	217
Oct	1,365	1,300	5.6	227

REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT

Seasonally adjusted (excluding school leavers)

	Number	Change in month	% of all employees
South East	295,900	−7,600	3.9
East Anglia	32,900	−800	4.7
South West	99,000	−1,500	5.1
W Midlands	119,700	−900	5.2
E Midlands	75,300	+100	4.8
Yorks/H'side	116,200	−3,000	5.6
North West	196,500	−3,300	6.9
North	111,000	−400	8.2
Wales	84,400	−700	7.9
Scotland	165,600	+700	7.6
GB	1,399 700	−17,100	5.6
N Ireland	59,900	−1,500	11.0
UK	1,359,600	−18,700	5.7

Business appointments

New chairman elected at Guinness Mahon

Mr Graham Starforth Hill has been elected chairman of Guinness Mahon to succeed Mr D. Robson, who will be retiring on December 31.

Mr M. B. J. Kimmins has joined the board of Wm. Sanderson & Son, and on January 1, will take over as managing director from Mr K. J. Ross, who is retiring and also giving up his seat on The Distillers Company board and the chairmanship of J. & W. Hardie.

Mr Roy Clinning, finance director and secretary, has been appointed chairman of Vibroplant Holdings in succession to the late Mr Geoffrey Pilkington. Mrs M. A. Pilkington becomes a director.

Mr J. G. W. Lee, managing director, Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Engineering, has become a director of Hawker Siddeley Electric. Mr J. R. Harkus has been made a director of Crompton Parkinson Instruments.

Mr S. G. Errington, managing director of Mercantile Credit, has been appointed president of Leaseurope, the European Federation of Equipment Leasing Company Associations.

Mr Tony Painter, executive director of the Advertising Standards Authority, is to become regional director for Greater London and the South-east with the Motor Agents' Association on January 1.

Mr T. Lloyd Robinson has been appointed a director of Bristol Waterworks.

To the Shareholders of

Dawson International Limited

A letter from your board is being posted to you today.

It contains:

(1) A pre-tax profit forecast of not less than £14.5 million for the 53 weeks ending 31st March 1979

and

(2) A revaluation of certain assets showing net tangible assets increasing from approx. £23m to approx. £53m., equivalent to over 244p. per Dawson share

Your board urge you to
IGNORE THE BAIRD BID.

The assumptions on which the profit forecast is based are set out below and the letters from the auditors and financial advisers reporting on the profit forecast are contained in the letter referred to above together with the bases of the asset valuation.

The forecast of profit before tax for the fifty three weeks ending 31st March, 1979, is based on unaudited management accounts for the five months to 26th August, 1978 and on the following assumptions:— (1) Dawson's present management and accounting policies will not be changed; (2) sales are based on orders on hand and trends experienced in this and former years; there will be no material cancellations or postponements of orders placed; (3) there will be no material adverse effects from any industrial disputes within, or changes in the economic position of Dawson, its suppliers or its customers; (4) increases in rates of remuneration will be broadly in line with the government's incomes policy; (5) rates of interest payable and receivable and the bases and rates of taxation, both direct and indirect, will not change materially from those current; (6) the price of cashmere will not fall in the next eight months; (7) currency exchange rates will not vary significantly from present levels; (8) the composition of the Dawson group will remain unchanged; (9) the revaluation of fixed assets referred to on page 6 of the circular will not be incorporated in the accounts and accordingly depreciation has been calculated by reference to the historical values of those assets.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Midland changes its tune

Midland Bank at last bending with the es and changing its stance over its rnational banking aspirations? Through- the spate of acquisitions by other tish banks in the United States, Mid- d's party line has been that its sortium banking links and correspondent tionships have more than satisfied its rseas ambitions.

lowever, yesterday Lord Armstrong, irman of Midland, went about as far as could publicly in admitting that the k's international spread was not quite t it should be and that he would like expand further in the United States. For e time such straws have been in the d—most recently with the effort Midland been putting into building up its French ration (including the poaching of Chase nhattan's top French man).

or shareholders, though, the question dland really ought to be answering is ether it has left it too late now that the rnational Banking Act has become a fact life in the United States. This is a much tered down version of the original legis- ion but the gist of it is that overseas ks will be put on a par with domestic ks and most importantly will only be e to take deposits in one state.

Much of the opposition to the legislation come not from the British banks, for om the new Act doesn't mean a lot as grandfathering clause will allow them go on much as before. But for European ks in particular who are not there eady, their main worry has been that the legislation will force them to sell their illiary businesses if they set up across Atlantic.

Midland, at least in the eyes of the islators though the new law has yet tested formally, falls into that category Midland's Thomas Cook and Bland vne subsidiaries in the United States look though they would have to go if the bank nted to move into the banking sphere. nce, Lord Armstrong's guarded comment it perhaps Midland was interested in "the ad financial scene, and not necessarily nking". That, however, still has to run e gauntlet of United States legislators d at this stage they are unlikely to be ite so conciliatory.

The firmer undertone in the gilt-edged rket was apparent yesterday in the mplete disregard with which the further turn in American interest rates was eeted. There is little evidence that money moving to New York to take advantage higher rates there, although there are settling fears that the outflow could come substantial once the dollar turns nd. For the moment, however, the rket has derived much reassurance from evidence that the Government funding gramme is on target. Last week's figures being taken to confirm the suspicion t the Government Broker has been nlying a steady flow of unofficial tap cks to the market to compensate for lack of sales of official stock. There is wing optimism that such sales may have l a further significant impact on the new supply figures for the October bank- month which has just ended.

V. Greenwell, for one, doubts whether period of low money supply growth will much longer, however. It argues that rise in economic activity, stimulated by monetary injection, will continue, that dit demands will pick up before long and t M3 will therefore start to rise again. ther wage settlements would exacerbate problem, and the authorities would be liged to counter initially probably ough the corset. Banks would begin to ion loans, says Greenwell, and interest es would inevitably rise.

awson International

last minute rofits forecast

wson International last night played its t ace in the acrimonious game that has veloped over the unwanted bid from lliam Baird.

Only days before Baird's 200p cash and ure offer for Dawson is scheduled to close Friday, Dawson has forecast for the rent year profits of £14.5m for the current year only £1m below the exceptional peak achieved last year, thankfully acknowledging a late pick-up in tourist-spending on quality knitwear. At the same time revaluations have lifted asset value from around £23m to £53m or 244p a share.

That does not fully answer the questions raised by Baird about Dawson's cyclicality but it should be sufficient to justify a rating somewhat in excess of the 190p cash value of the Baird bid. Dawson closed last night before the news at 195p where the implied p/e ratio is over 5 and the new yield on a near quadrupled payment well in excess of 10 per cent.

Shareholders should now stick with Dawson and look forward to the prospect of their board resuming talks on the proposed merger with Haggas, from a much strengthened standpoint.

● *This is not the best time to be launching another gilt-edged fund with the fixed-interest market looking nervously over its shoulder at the trend in interest rates and this sector of the managed fund market already looking a little congested with the discount houses eager to capitalize on their expertise in the field.*

But the Trustee Savings Bank's decision to launch a couple of gilt funds, one for Jersey and the other for non-Jersey residents, has less to do with the real or imaginary attractions of British Government securities, which recently drew discount house Allen Harvey & Ross alongside the well-established King & Shaxson, than with the changing needs of the TSB as it moves along the path towards becoming a fully-fledged alternative to the clearing banks.

The point is that the TSB can sell gilts on the National Savings register free of commission charges while at the same time its depositors get interest paid gross and benefit from several months tax deferral. By next November these gilt holdings, amounting to around £600m, will be transferred to the National Savings register in their entirety and what the TSB is doing is simply providing its customers with a realistic substitute, with the new gilt funds for instance giving TSB customers the benefit of up to 18 months tax deferral.

The funds will complement last year's moves into the investment management field and further rounds out the services like loans and credit cards which the TSB have been adding of late. But the real test will not come until the 1980s when the TSB loses the tax concessions on savings accounts which will really test the loyalty of customers.

Paterson, Zochonis

Some unjustified caution

The huge risk discount that has kept Paterson, Zochonis' rating consistently below 50 per cent of the market average in p/e ratio terms is made to look even more extreme by the latest set of figures. Admittedly the company has not helped by showing itself reluctant to exploit its dividend freedom beyond reducing cover to seven times. But still 7 per cent profits growth to £19.5m and a reasonably optimistic statement from a company with almost 80 per cent of its profits coming from Africa is a good performance.

Not that the risks can be entirely ignored. If PZ had been allowed by the Nigerian government to retain its 60 per cent stake in its main Nigerian company, profits would now be £6m higher. Widening the geographical spread is proving a slow process, particularly as last year the United Kingdom manufacturing operations, Odex and Cussons, had a hard time mainly because of reorganization expenses.

With Nigeria still not snapping out of its recession, this leaves growth this year mainly dependent on how much recovery can be wrung from the £28m or so United Kingdom manufacturing turnover and the benefits of reorganization in the Greek subsidiaries. Nevertheless, the central fact is that PZ is maintaining this level at a time of deep recession and severe competition in its major market. It remains to be seen whether this is enough to persuade the market to discard some of the caution implicit in a p/e ratio of 3.3 for the non-voting "A" shares at 190p. But a yield of 6.3 per cent is not going to help.

Mr Benn's political game with BP

Nicholas Hirst

Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, has been working hard of late burnishing his image as the man the City and industry love to hate.

With an election certain within the next 12 months, he has been taking every opportunity to strengthen his links with the unions and the Left and thus his power base within the Labour Party.

His acceptance on behalf of the national executive of the motion as the party conference to nationalize British Petroleum illustrates the point. It capitalized on the fuss over the Bingham disclosures, infuriating the City and pleasing the Left in equal measure. A little hatred from the City is no bad thing for a Labour minister.

Conference motions are often forgotten, but this one has been kept by a government-leak last week detailing how the relationship with BP was proving unsatisfactory. Mr Benn clearly wants control of BP and he knows that, if the Cabinet would only agree, he already has the power to take it.

BP is very different from other recent nationalization candidates such as the clearing banks and the insurance companies, and is far less able to fight against the political coat trailing which is being indulged in.

Its relationship with government goes back to 1914 when Sir Winston Churchill bought equity in BP to safeguard oil supplies to the Royal Navy. For most of that time the government stake has oscillated around 50 per cent and two state nominees have sat on the board holding a power of veto.

As a result of this highly sensitive arrangement BP feels greatly constrained from making a public defence of its position when criticized by the Government. This is as true of its reaction to disclosures on oil sanctions as it is now.

Its position is anomalous. The government holds 51 per cent of its shares yet it has always been allowed to act as any other multinational. If that were changed the City would feel it had assisted in the sale of the 25 per cent stake in BP acquired by the Bank of England to rescue Burmah Oil, under false pretences.

In fact the Government has a much greater power to intervene than is generally realised. The purpose of the two government appointees to the BP board and how their powers of veto were to be limited were laid out in a letter from Sir John Bradbury of the Treasury in 1914.

The Government, Sir John wrote, "Did not propose to make use of the right of veto except in regard to matters of general policy, such as:

1. The supervision of the activities of the company as they may affect questions of foreign, naval or military policy;

2. Any proposed sale of the company's undertaking or proposed change of the company's status;

3. The control of new exploitation, sites of wells, etc;

4. Sales of crude or fuel oil to foreigners, or such exceptional sales to other persons on long contracts as might endanger the due fulfilment of current Admiralty contracts.

Sir John continued that the Government's "interference (if any) in the ordinary administration of the company as a commercial concern will be strictly limited to the minimum necessary to secure these objects".

The spirit of this letter has been twice reaffirmed, by Mr Edward Bridges of the Treasury in 1951 and by Mr Denis Healey as Chancellor in 1976.

But it is clear that it gives the Government very wide powers should it wish to use them. It could control BP's North Sea development, should it wish, and could certainly have insisted that oil was kept from the Rhodesians.

Sir John Bradbury's guidelines could easily be used to alter the policies of BP. If, as Mr Benn appears to want, the Government appointments to the board were made by the Department of Energy instead of the Treasury which makes them now, there could be a radically different interpretation of when the veto ought to be used, and of when commercialism was being interfered with. So far the veto has never been used, but that is not to say that it could not be.

The powers to interfere do not stop with the guidelines detailed by Sir John. They could be changed overnight. The 1914 letter makes it quite clear that the Government "are prepared to enter into any binding agreement in regard to the exercise of the veto". BP were to treat the letter "as an assurance as to the general lines upon which they will act".

The criticisms which have come from Mr Benn's department all relate to BP's differences with the Government over foreign policy. It is felt these differences would not occur if the Bradbury guidelines were made to work better.

It was open to the Government to use BP as its North Sea vehicle instead of creating a new state-owned oil company. It chose not to, but BP's expertise has been required to get the British National Oil Corporation on its feet. It must seem attractive to the present energy minister to put the two together, but leaks of criticism are a shoddy way either of changing the present arrangements or gaining political capital.

Incomes policy: using the taxman's powers of persuasion

Mr Callaghan's incomes policy is in disarray. The 5 per cent norm will clearly be breached, and it is difficult to see how to introduce the additional flexibility that workers and business demand without simply raising the permitted norm, which then becomes widely perceived as a general base as well.

Mrs Thatcher and her advisers have now thrown in their hand on incomes policy and come out in favour of old-fashioned monetary restraint. This is accompanied by the explicit threat that workers who succeed in bargaining for higher wage increases than are consistent with their productivity gains will simply price themselves into unemployment and their firms into bankruptcy.

One basic difficulty with the monetarist approach is its obvious lack of credibility. It strains belief to envisage a situation in which the massive unemployment which such a policy could well provoke would not at some stage push even the most cold-hearted government into expansionary fiscal measures, in which case the game is up.

Monetarism can only work if it could somehow be constitutionally enacted. Unless it is so enscribed in granite, and all parties know it and fully believe that the government will never accept a responsibility to bail them out, come what may, it is in the self-interest of individual unions with market power to push for more, in the self-interest of other workers to try their best to keep up, and in the self-interest of firms to attempt to pass the resulting cost increases on to their customers.

Monetarism will only work if it is in fact widely perceived as a kind of implicit incomes policy. The problem is how to induce labour and management to incorporate explicitly the aggregates of monetary policy into their wage and pricing decisions.

There is now a broad, albeit not unanimous, consensus among economists on how employment, output, and inflation respond to variations in total demand. Most prices, except those of agricultural goods and raw materials, are closely related to direct costs of production, of which by far the largest are labour and import costs. Since the terms of trade are largely exogenous, policy must focus on wage costs.

Prices respond reliably and rather fully to wages, and the mark-up of prices over wages responds only slightly and sluggishly to overall demand conditions. Wages do respond to the state of demand—slack or tightness in labour markets—but they also respond to what has been happening to wages, prices, and profit margins, or to what is expected to happen to them.

There is decisive statistical evidence that the continuing inflation rate strongly affects rates of wage increase. Statistical analysis also demonstrates that higher unemployment slows wage inflation, at least to some extent. But the fundamental problem is that this slow growth, high unemployment cure for inflation is extremely expensive. (In the United States most recent estimates suggest than an extra percentage point of unemployment would lower the inflation rate by only about 0.3 percentage points after one year, and by 0.7 percentage points if maintained for three years.)

It is exactly because these gains from resisting inflation are so small, that most governments have not succeeded over the long term in holding to a policy of restricting their monetary aggregates.

The evident difficulty in bringing inflation down further today, in part reflects a self-fulfilling prophecy that inflation will continue at a high rate in the future, and this prophecy

Sceptical reception for Mrs Thatcher's proposed strategy

in turn is predicated on the belief that policy-makers will not take the steps required to halt inflation.

Mrs Thatcher and her advisers seem to be of the opinion that a clear display by the government of its determination to restrain demand as much and as long as necessary to stop inflation will be sufficient. Based on past experience, however, the market place is justifiably sceptical of any government's ability to make good on such a promise.

First, much of the inflation inertia is backward-looking. Wage developments are better explained in terms of the recent past history of wages and prices, than on any assumption that people are attempting to predict their future course. In any event, because actual unemployment has such a modest effect on inflation, there is little reason to believe that people would drastically lower their estimates of future inflation, even if they expected unemployment to rise drastically because of fiscal and monetary restraint.

Let us be very clear about the central cause of inflation today. The basic explanation is exceedingly simple and straightforward. Unit labour costs will rise whenever money wages rise by a greater proportion than the rise in average labour productivity, and prices will follow costs upwards so long as firms attempt to protect their profit margins.

In the United Kingdom wages increased by 14 per cent over the past year while labour production on the average rose by only 2 per cent. Yet in the long run, no matter how large the money wage increase that labour in the aggregate succeeds in negotiating, real wage income can only rise by the increase in real average labour productivity.

While the above argument holds for labour as a group, it does not hold for individual workers or unions. Considered individually they are always better off by a rise in their money wages, since they are quite correct in perceiving that even if the rise in their wages will raise the unit labour cost and therefore the price of the goods and services they produce, so long as they can do better than the average they will in the end come out ahead, and if they do nothing they will fall behind.

As a result the inflationary process becomes an increasingly unattractive and socially disruptive struggle over relative wage shares. Moral suasion is likely to prove ineffective, since it asks individual unions and firms to make an unreasonable sacrifice of their own self-interest. If all the spectators at a parade are standing on tip-toe, no individual can afford not to do likewise. Ending the discomfort requires a collective decision.

What is the appropriate government policy to cope with the resulting inflation? Traditional monetary and fiscal policies, which operate by restricting the rate of growth of aggregate demand, have been found to have their prime impact not on the rate of growth of wages and prices, but on output. They are in fact part of the problem.

It is necessary to find some way of operating on the rate of wage increase directly. Wage and price controls have been tried, in this and other countries, and have invariably failed over more than the short run. What remains?

What has not yet been tried is a simple tax on excessive wage increases. The present cause of inflation is analogous to pollution, in the sense that self-interested behaviour, in this case higher money wage gains, imposes external costs on everyone else in the form of generally higher prices.

A government can pass laws forbidding pollution, but this has all the undesirable aspects of bureaucratic enforcement, plus the fact that the Government does not have sufficient information to know what are in fact the optimum standards to set. As a result virtually all economists are agreed on the desirability of charging a tax price to polluters to force them to take into account the external costs which their action is imposing on others.

Monetary, fiscal and incomes policies must be integrated

The same argument can be applied to inflation. It is a free country—labour and management are free to pursue their collective bargaining agreements without outside control. But since as a result of their action they are imposing inflation costs on the rest of us, firms which permit their average wages to rise by more than some stipulated rate should be required to pay a tax on the excess.

This norm which a tax-based incomes policy (TIP) adopts must be related explicitly to the monetary aggregate target of monetary policy. At present the Bank of England has a target range of 8-12 per cent for its M3 (wider measure of the money supply) aggregate. The essential point, however, is that the government must recognize its own responsibility to integrate its incomes policy with its monetary and fiscal policy.

If the pollution analogy is accepted, the tax system is in fact a most appropriate instrument to provide an adequate incentive for firms to take these external consequences of their behaviour into account. While in principle the same shift towards socially desirable behaviour can be accomplished by a subsidy—a negative tax—as by a penalty tax, on administrative grounds a penalty tax approach is to be preferred.

A TIP that imposes extra taxes on companies making large pay increases could reasonably be restricted to the 1,000 largest private and public companies, while one that grants a tax reduction must—for equity reason—be made universally available.

But the TIP penalty differs sharply from the present wage and price controls through bodies like the Price Commission. It would not prohibit wage increases above the norm, and thus would permit employers and workers to respond to market forces whenever an industry is faced with a labour shortage or other special situations.

These benefits of TIP are fully consistent with the view that, in the long run, inflation depends on the growth of the money stocks. The contribution of a linked TIP-monetary aggregates policy would be to permit such a course of monetary restraint to be pursued without recession and persistent high unemployment.

Neither labour nor management can be expected to receive such a proposal with enthusiasm and the Government may be dissuaded by the administrative problems it poses. But perhaps the main problem appears to be a general lack of understanding of the economic relationships.

In real terms, labour cannot expect its real income to rise more rapidly than its underlying rate of productivity growth. A move in the direction of explicitly coordinating the wage norms of incomes policy with the target monetary aggregates of monetary policy would represent a significant step towards building that broad social consensus of reducing inflation through cooperative efforts which remains the underlying precondition for any successful effort to contain stagflation.

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Business Diary: De Lorean's first recruit • Vintage offer

hn De Lorean, who in the ace of 18 months plans to n cow pasture on the outrts of Belfast into a car plant oducing 20,000 sports cars a ar, has announced the first jor appointment to the coun- ny set up to run the plant.

He has appointed Myron J. hlanides, 43, vice-president rsonnel and administration of nerican-owned De Lorean otor Cars, who was until cently director of personnel d administration with rysler Europe.

Stylianides is already hard at rk esconced in a suite of oms in a Belfast hotel which e company will be using as a mporary office until work is mpleted on offices at the 56- re site at Twinbrook, one of lfast's largest Catholic ates.

He joined Chrysler in Greece personnel manager in 1964 d was transferred to Chrysler ternational in London where held a series of posts until appointment to Chrysler rope. A member of the itish Institute of Personnel nagement, he has two ughters who attend the erican College in Athens, ere he was born.

De Lorean plans to announce ther appointments in the ar future, but yesterday one his London representatives s unable to confirm the mour, rife in Belfast, that mer British Leyland execue George Turnbull will be charge of production.

Turnbull, it will be membered, ran the Austin rris cars division before signing in 1973. Since then has effectively set up a otor industry in Korea and re recently been adviser to the Iranian National Motor Company.

■ For the wealthiest wine lover, investment in a fine Bordeaux Château estate sounds like the fulfilment of a dream. But Knight, Frank & Rutley have just a property on their books.

KF + R's London negotiator G. J. Akroyd told Business Diary that the "Premier Grand Crû St Emillion" is the 85-acre Château Pavie, and the adjoining Grand Crû seven-acre Château La Clusière.

By coincidence, one of the five brothers in the family partnership who own it, Jean-Paul Valette, is in London for a series of ceremonies with the Jurade de St Emilion, the region's 800-year-old wine brotherhood.

He is the second largest shareholder and said: "We need extra investment for family reasons but I shall still be happier if the property stays entirely in French hands preferably locally and there is considerable interest there."

If a foreign investor appears —the French Government must give full approval. "A great wine estate is not like a property site such as the Champs Elysée or even a fur coat—you can't just sell it to anyone."

At Knight, Frank & Rutley, Akroyd told me he already had a stream of inquiries "from all kinds of people—except Arabs". For anyone interested, the price is a mere £2m plus which does not include private cellars and their very valuable stocks.

Perks in business life can come from unexpected quarters. One of the independent television companies was making a programme on the ethics of businessmen's perks. While filming at a Covent Garden restaurant guests were invited to move upstairs to give the place a full-up look. As an inducement for the move the film crew bought brandies all round.



Retail Consortium's Richard Weir.

■ Richard Weir, director of the Retail Consortium, reckons that every week at least one leading retailer makes the journey to Brussels to stalk the EEC Commission's corridors on consortium business.

The task of getting the right word in at the right time with the right commission people given all the European issues impinging on United Kingdom retailing, is now getting so complex that the consortium is planning to set up a European office.

Initially it will operate out of London although it would logically switch to a Brussels base eventually. Weir reckons it will cost around £100,000 a year to run, the tab being picked up by less than 50 of the biggest company members, a fraction of the consortium's membership.

That, claims Weir, will not influence decisions by the consortium, a vociferously democratic body. It was decided not to set up in Brussels yet because the cost would have been double that of the London operation for which the consortium is now in the market for a chief executive.

A bone of contention is going to be what happens to premium offers in the shops, like the plastic daffodils or their equivalent.

The British trade is the freest in Europe on this sort of thing provided the offers do not mislead or are fraudulent. In Germany premium offers are banned completely and the commission now has a recommendation before it that such offers should be made completely illegal throughout the Community.

However, the consortium argues that premium offers serve a useful and vital purpose in drawing attention to new products.

■ Richard Burke, Ireland's European Commissioner in Brussels, has been less than lucky with a high-level conference on consumer affairs be summoned this week. Burke says his intention is to put consumer affairs in the forefront of the campaign for direct elections to the European Parliament next year.

Burke's own ambitions to be elected to the European Parliament is an open secret which has already strained relations with his fellow commissioners.

Attempts to attract the participation of such distinguished European statesmen as Edward Heath and Willy Brandt foundered on the rocks of indifference. Burke then found he could not attend yesterday's sessions of the conference himself. He has been despatched to Canada to sign an international convention on fisheries.

Worse, present members of the European Parliament are incensed because they could not attend either. Burke's conference coincides precisely with Luxembourg, although both were planned a month in their budgetary session in advance. The commissioner responsible for relationships with the European Parliament is Richard Burke.

With a fine sense of timing, which betrayed the fact that someone at state-owned British Shipbuilders believes the industry has a rosy future, the organization yesterday announced a new competition "Ship designs for the 1980s" Aimed at final year naval architecture students, BS is looking for revolutionary ship designs. As the announcement was being made, glum-faced union leaders were trooping into the plush Knightsbridge headquarters of BS to hear how many thousands of jobs the organization wants to axe because of the continuing lack of orders.

David Felton

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Savoy Hotel sliced to £432,000 for half-year

By Our Financial Staff

With a 2p fall to 74p yesterday, Savoy Hotel "A" shares are just a shade under the price paid by Grand Metropolitan last month for a 23 per cent stake. Pre-tax profits for the half year ended June 30 last were halved at £432,000 and it is clear that the Queen's Jubilee in the summer of 1977 had a marked impact on comparable profitability.

Total interim receipts increased from £10.13m to £11.24m but consolidated trading profits from the Savoy, Connaught, Berkeley and Claridge's hotels and Simpson's-in-the-Strand, Stone's Chop House and from the recently acquired Forest Mere health centre and hydro fell from £2.32m to £2.08m.

After a substantial rise in general maintenance costs to £1.35m and a small increase in depreciation, pre-tax margins were cut from 8.6 per cent to 3.8 per cent although the incidence of capital allowances takes the pre-tax profit total straight downto thet earnings straight down to the earnings level.

The first four months of 1978, chairman Sir Hugh Wontner reports, were much less profitable than the previous year but the results of the two subsequent months of May and June werealmost a match for the performance in the corresponding period of the year before.

Ductile Steel's below-the-line charges mar pretax surprise



Mr Ronald Sidaway, chairman of Ductile Steels.

At the pre-tax level, profits of £5.11m against £5.73b at Ductile Steels for the year ended July 1 came as a pleasant surprise and the shares added 6p to 134p. But events below the line only serve to indicate the immense problems (for comparative analysis at least) posed by the adoption of the new accounting standards relating to deferred tax when, in the course of any steel cycle, there are significant annual variations in the rate of stock relief.

After a year of comparatively stable selling prices, the impact of stock profits was naturally strictly limited and tax, adjusted for SSAP 15, was charged at the rate of 41.8 per cent. In the previous period, however, stock profits totalled more than £1m which meant that tax was charged at the rate of only 16 per cent. The effect on earnings is substantial with a fall from 42.74p to 23.46p per share.

Flat prices, of course, reduce the strain on working capital requirements, and overdrafts at the balance sheet date had fallen from £5.31m to £1.97m. But interest paid fell by only £30,000 to £463,000 to reflect the debt servicing cost on the £3.85m of loan capital raised for the acquisition of Newman Tubes.

Newman Tubes came in for 11 months and its contribution of £1.23m lifted trading profits in the tube division from £1.86m to £2.61m, yet volume in the underlying businesses was very flat and, in the absence of the earlier stock profits, their contribution fell by 26 per cent. Competition in the zinc coated tube market will not be eased by the entry of Tube Investments with a new galvanised product.

Volume was also sluggish in the stockholding division and, while the results here were broadly unchanged, the international effect of over-capacity has led to fierce competition with the inevitable effect on margins.

In the steel re-rolling division volume fell slightly.

ED 19, or SSAP 15 as it has now become, does allow the group to transfer accumulated deferred tax of £5.31m to reserve which, with a £4.75m freehold property revaluation surplus, lifts shareholders' funds to £27.68, or 215p per share. A gross final dividend of 5.204p lifts the total from 7.65p to 8.078p per share.

Associated Leisure still on lucky streak

By Richard Allen

Unlike the gaming majors, Ladbroke and Coral, fruit machine supecialist Associated Leisure still seems to be riding a spectacular lucky streak.

With increased payout limits from last February providing a significant boost to the fruit machine industry, AL has been able to lift interim turnover—mainly from machine renetals—by two-fifths to £14.8m, while profits have leapt 68 per cent to £2.85m.

The market's reaction yesterday was to take the shares, which have moved steadily higher since the Royal Commission on Gambling reported last summer, up by a 1p to a new peak of 76p.

While the commission cast long shadows over the major betting groups, mainly by its suggestions for massive increases in casino levies, it gave what amounted almost to a seal of approval to the operations of the amusement machine groups.

In the first half new acquisitions including three hotels and a leisure park chipped in around £250,000 at the pre-tax level, but the main drive came from amusement machines.

Yesterday's interim news encouraged stockbroking analysts to mark up estimates for the full-year from around £4.5m to £4.75m, where the p/e would be around 8.5 and the yield, on a 10 per cent increase, just over 6½ per cent. Last year profits totalled £3.49m.

The group has raised the interim payment by 14 per cent to 2.24p gross.

Stock markets

Shares wait on wages battle

Share prices were hardly rested yesterday as the lethargic trading of the past few sessions continued to depress sentiment.

The decision by the Luton Vauxhall workers to defy their union strike call caused an early mark-up of prices, but the institutions refused to be tempted and shares drifted back to overnight levels.

However, by the close, the FT Ordinary share index had recouped part of its earlier gain, to end 0.9 higher at 496.5.

Although the heavy-weight investors are in no hurry to come back into the market as buyers, neither are they willing sellers and dealers report that any lines of stock coming on offer are being snapped up very quickly.

Once again the City wires hum with talk that Mrs Pamela Mason is ready to sever her connexions with Illingworth Morris. Others think the action will first be seen in companies in which Illingworth has an interest as part of a tidying up process: Hield Brothers at 11½p, British Mohair, Candaw and Yorkshire Fine Woollen Spinners. The shares in all have been notably firm.

Most market men anticipate the current apathy continuing until a Ford settlement gives some indication of whether or not the Government will win the wages battle.

The gilt market returned to the doldrums yesterday where in quiet trading, most stocks limped an eighth better by the close.

The prospect of Ireland joining the new European Monetary System helped stocks such as Cement Roadstone at 106p, Jefferson Smurfit at 208p and Allied Irish at 234p, which all went 5p better while Irish Distillers at 193p firmed 3p, Waterford Glass climbed 4p to 64p and Guinness added a penny to 155p.

Turning towards Scotland, Highland Distilleries has been attracting plenty of interest following good figures. The shares climbed a further 10p to 157p, taking Arthur Bell 4p better to 252p.

Of the leading equities, ICI at 390p, GEC and Lucas, both at 322p and Bowater at 188p, all closed unchanged on the day, while 2p rises helped Beecham to 680p and Glaxo to 565p. Unilever firmed 4p to 546p, but Metal Box, unsettled by the threat of increasing competition in the can production field, slipped a similar amount to 340p.

In engineers, GKN shed 2p to 268p, while John Brown at 448p and Tubes at 376p, lost 4p each.

William Baird eased a penny to 182p after making it clear that it would not be making a higher bid for Dawson International, 6p lower at 195p. However, the news helped John Haggas, which has shelved merger plans with Dawson, and the shares improved 3p to 160p.

Profit-taking clipped 20p from Fortnum & Mason at 860p and 6p from Grimshawe Holdings at 50p. Awaiting bid news, Corn Exchange marked time at 240p.

Laporte climbed 5p to 119p, while other isolated firm spots included Grovebell at 26p and R. P. Martin at 54p.

With profits above market expectations Paterson Zochonis was marked sharply higher. The ordinary shares rose 13p to 193p while the "A" moved 20p better to 190p.

Tozer Kemsley, also with satisfactory results, firmed 2p to 56p, while Ductile Steel added 6p to 134p at one stage.

By contrast, halved interim profits left Savoy Hotel "A" 2p lower at 74p and Booth International, hit by increasing competition, lost a similar amount to 56p following its half-time statement.

Although expected, news that the dividend is to be cut at Walter Runciman clipped 5p from the shares at 66p.

In stores, Mothercare held steady at 160p following the fall earlier in the week, while Marks & Spencer at 85p and British Home Stores at 205p eased a penny.

Fairview attracted some interest in an otherwise quiet property sector, firming 3p to 140p.

Ahead of figures next Wednesday and on the back of vague speculation of an American bid, newcomer Cartiers has been attracting buyers and the shares firmed 5p to 109p.

In a dull, but firm, banking sector Midland was the only mover of the "Big Four", adding 2p to 350p. Barclays at 340p, Lloyds at 260p and National Westminster at 270p marked time.

Oils could provide little more interest with Shell at 570p unchanged on the day and ping 2p to 888p.

Insurances perked places with Eagle Star adding a penny and the first overnight change week. General Acci 204p, Phoenix at 24 Royal at 347p added 2 Sun Life went a penny to 103p.

O fthe brokers, Mini and Higg Robinson at 2 2p while Stenhouse at 1 clipped a penny. By Alexander Howden at 1 Sedgewick Forbes at 40 2p better.

Slough Estates are 1 changed on the day, a persistent impression revaluation of assets wi long do much to under price.

In a firm Australia Australian & New Zeala climbed 9p to 306p. Equity turnover on Oc was £58.085m (14,425 b Active stocks yesterday ing to Exchange Te were BP, ICI, Highla RTZ, BAT ind, Rank Or & Spencer, Dunlop, Sh ional Westminster, Combex Waterford G Cartiers.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	
Assam Trading (F)	—(—)	2.8(2.0)	106.6(90.2)	7.5(2.2)	7/12	7.5
Assoc Leisure (I) (a)	14.7(10.6)	2.8(1.6)	—(—)	1.5(1.3)	2/2/79	—
Asprey & Co (F)	15.9(14.6)	3.2(2.9)	530.55(460.40)	—(—)	—	—
Booth Int (I)	15.1(17.2)	0.20(0.63)	2.4(7.6)	1.5(1.48)	20/12	—
City & Int (F)	—(—)	1.0(0.95)	4.82(4.17)	3.2(2.77)	11/12	4.7
Ductile Steels (F)	67.6(58.5)	5.1(5.7)	23.4(42.7)	3.48(3.29)	6/12	8.0
Estate Duties Inv. (I)	—(—)	1.18(1.10)	—(—)	0.8(0.75)	1/12	—
English Nat Invest (I)	—(—)	0.10(0.08)	1.02(0.87)	1.11(0.71)	1/12	—
R. Goodwin (F)	4.3(3.7)	0.40(0.40)	2.6(2.53)	0.51(0.50)	6/12	0.5
Lumuva (I) (b)	—(—)	0.07(1.2)	4.59(7.23)	—(—)	—	—
B. & L. Nathan (I) (a)	3.4(3.0)	0.23(0.19)	—(—)	1.1(1.0)	27/12	—
Paterson, Zochns (F)	213.5(145.5)	19.4(18.2)	57.3(53.9)	5.0(6.0)	—	8.0
C. H. Pearce (F)	11.0(7.1)	0.81(0.80)	33.67(30.83)	2.4(2.2)	5/1/79	3.7
Renong Tin (F)	0.12(0.08)	0.10(0.13)	—(—)	7.0(3.5)	4/12	8.5
W. Runciman (I)	19.5(19.3)	0.19(1.9)	—(—)	1.25(2.5)	5/1/79	—
Scott & Robertson (I)	8.8(8.7)	0.31(0.12)	—(—)	1.53(0.91)	3/1/79	—
Savoy Hotel (I)	11.2(10.1)	0.43(0.87)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—
Tozer Kemsley (I)	2.9(1.9)	2.8(1.6)	—(—)	0.95(0.82)	4/1/79	—

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.49. Profits and pre-tax and earnings are net. a=26 weeks. b=9 months.

Plans to buy B & C stake in Common Bros cancelled

By Alison Mitchell

Common Brothers' joint managing director, Mr Gilbert Common, has cancelled plans to buy the 16 per cent stake in his company currently held, through a subsidiary, by British Commonwealth.

The option to buy the holding at 150p per share, has lapsed and Mr Common informed his fellow directors that "it did not prove possible to bring these negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion."

British & Commonwealth, which holds the shares through offshoot Monteith Investment Trust, were last night taking a very relaxed view of the situation.

"We have always been sellers of the shares at the right price," said one director. "Mr Common or any other potential bidder can always offer at any time," he said.

At yesterday's price of 154p Common Brothers is capitalised at £4.62m, giving the 16 per cent stake a value of £739,000. Hal Mr Common takenup his option he would have increased his holding to some 27 per cent.

The share price, which touched 170p last week has fallen back slightly but at its current level it is being underpinned by hopes that another bidder may come forward.

There is some vague speculation that Swan Hunter, which holds 18 per cent of the equity may want to take over the Newcastle shipping group

Auditors' tax charge error pushed up Green's earnings

By Rosemary Unsworth

An auditors' miscalculation has resulted in an overstatement of earnings for R. Green Properties, the development business.

The mistake by accountants Stoy Hayward was a clerical error which understated the tax chage for the year ending June 30, 1978, by £125,000. It should have been a charge of £313,000 instead of £188,000, said R. Green's chairman, Mr Reginald Elphick, in a statement to the Stock Exchange.

Profit after tax now stands at £385,000 instead or £510,000 while earnings a share fall to 3.16p, from 4.18p in the earlier statement published on October 9.

Stoy Hayward said yesterday that the miscalculation was on tax relief on losses brought forward. "The errors has now been corrected and the tax and profits are as stated by Mr Elphick", it commented.

But the mix-up does not mean that the dividend of 1.4p gross will be altered. This remains at the same level making a total for the year of 2.22p compared with 2.02p last year. However, as company secretary, Mr John Mulhall, pointed out there will be reduction in the company's reserves.

The original profit calculation showed capital profits of £76,000 which were transferred to the capital reserve. Turnover amounted to £4.1m, a 42 per cent increase on the previous year.

Vehicle imports help to propel Tozer Kemsley to near £3m

By Peter Wainwright

Importing BMW and Mazda cars, motor cycles and Jeeps and Daihatsu four-wheeled vehicles was easily the biggest single propellant of pre-tax profits from £1.6m to £2.9m in the six months to June 30 at conglomerate Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn. Cose behind came holidays sod through Wings and OSL trave agencies.

But one cannot go too far beyond that because thel directors of this internationa finance and trading group still do not give a breakdown of activities.

Tozer explains this reticence by saying that contributions from diverse areas change from year to year, and it is the total of them that counts. So it does, but it needs parts to make up a total.

In the six months Tozer benefited from the car boom and a turnround in travel. But few observers think that the car boom will keep up the pace though Tozer rightly points out that it is small in relation to the industry.

Just as important are the talks now going on with BMW about Tozer's continuance in the business into the 1980s. There seems to be no reason why the group should not continue to hold the franchise, but BMW may want better terms.

The recovery in travel stems from the correction of the industry's overcapacity, and from bad weather in Britain prompting people to holiday abroad. The summer this year was also poor, but a surge in profits on last year's scale seems unlikely.

Tozer's timber interests are starting to recover from recession but the canneries are not over the problems connected with the disappearance of margins thanks to the supermarket price war. Output has been cut.

The interim rises from 1.25p gross to £1.43f. The shares rose 2p to 56p even though there is a warning that the tax charge as well as profit is likely to be up this year.

Tea bring Assam strong bre

By Our Financial Staff

Assam Trading (Hc which has a substantia in McLeod Russel, the tion group, which it int increase, has pushed up profits by 39 per cent t in the year to March 31

The increase was mai tributed by the tea i through McLeod Rus associate companies i but earlier this year th man, Sir Owain Jenkins that tea's satisfactory profitability was unli continue. And his warn already been borne ou fall in the price of auction and a rise in co the group said that year's results should m year's profits.

Since the group's come from overseas, it from dividend restraint trebled the dividend fro gross last year to 11.1p "B" ordinary shares.

Cheap imports jolt Booth Int

Widespread problems in the tanning industry have resulted in a profits plunge for Booth (International Holdings), the hide and skin merchants and tanners.

Pre-tax profits fell from £636,000 to £201,000 in the six months to June 30, 1978, while turnover dropped from £17.2m to £15.1m resulting in a fall in earnings a share from 7.62p to 2.4p. Yesterday the share price dipped 2p to 56p.

Imports of cheap leather, shoes and clothing from the Far East ensured a sharp erosion of profit margins, particularly in sheepskin, which was already noticeable in the second half of last year. The Argentine and Brazilian governments' decision to stop the export of untanned hides has also hit the group, although a recent devaluation of those two countries' currencies has improved Booth's trading position recently.

And with the rise in the cost of leather, manufacturers have turned back to man-made fibres for mass market production.

But the group has maintained the interim dividend at 2.25p gross and the board said that there should be some improvement during the second half.

Yearling bonds slip to 10⅞ pc

The coupon on this week's batch of local authority bonds has dropped slightly to 10⅞ per cent from last week's 11 per cent. Kirkcaldy District Council is borrowing £1.5m, while Newport Borough Council is borrowing £1m. The borough of Broxbourne is raising £500,000 through an issue of variable rate bonds, October 19, 1983, at £100 per cent.

Edith pushes up income by 18 pc

Estate Duties Investment Trust, which specializes in long-term investments in unlisted companies, reports an 18 per cent increase in gross dividend income for the six months to September 30 to £1m compared with £835,000 in the same period. The directors expect the rate of increase to be more than mainrained for the full year to March 31, 1979.

Asprey again sets record in 10 pc rise

Asprey & Co, the Bond Street jeweller, silversmith and goldsmith, has produced another record set of results with a 10 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £3.2m for the year ending March 31.

Asprey, which is a close company, said the increase came from all sections of its business and that exports, as well as the home market, had performed well. The results, which include part of last year's boom in tourist trade during the Jubilee celebrations, show a rise in earnings a share from 460.4p to 530.5p.

M L Holdings to consolidate

Overall trading for M L Holdings is "satisfactory", reported Mr Ralph Price, the chairman, at the annual meeting. The board expects group turnover not to rise significantly in the current year. While this year will prove to be largely one of consolidating on the record achievements of last year, the chairman views with optimism the prospects in future years for growth in profitability.

Atlantic Assets confident

Confidence is the tone of the latest annual report from Mr John V. Sheffield, the chairman of Atlantic Assets Trust. He tells shareholders that, at present, AAT has a portfolio of "interesting investments and considerable liquid resources" from the sale of Yukon and Woodford. AAT has always had a high percentage of its funds invested overseas and the board intends to invest this liquidity internationally within AAT's traditional policy.

Expanded Metal buys plastics group

For a total of £142,000 Expanded Metal has acquired Mitra Plastics of Oswestry, which makes a vandal-proof substitute for glass which incorporates expanded metal. Its product, Meshlite, is used by local authorities in schools, swimming pools, toilets and bus shelters.

Of the purchase price, £27,500 is cash and the rest in shares.

Uncertain outlook at Lockwoods

Although the board of Lockwoods Foods is taking action to counteract adverse trends and improve overall trading results, the current year retains an element of uncertainty, with some varieties of canned vegetables, Mr Philip Lockwood, the chairman says that maintenance of profits must depend to some extent upon "our expectations of an improvement in the ensuing months".

The board has recently closed its John A. Hunter factory in Liverpool, where efforts to diversify have failed.

Scott & Robertson nearly double

Scott & Robinson, jut and synthetic fibre manufacturer and merchant, almost doubled pre-tix profits to £312,000 in the half-year to August 25, while turnover remained virtually static at £8.8m.

An interim dividend of 2.28p gross has been declared compared with 1.38p last year, a 65 per cent increase. And the board said that the improved level of trading, which began in the second half of last year, is being maintained judging by present indications.

HARRISONS & CROSFIELD
Company has agreed to acquire 4,266 ordinary shares in Durham Chemical Group for 5,972 H & C shares.

Options

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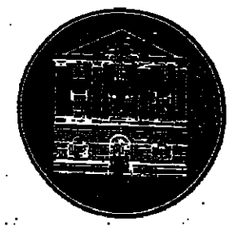
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	30th June 1978 £,000	30th 19 £,0
Total Assets	46,791	34,
Net Assets	39,095	25,
Per share	148p	1
Annual Dividend	0·40p	0.

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MARKET REPORTS

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US $ STRAIGHTS

Australia 8 1983	95¾	96¼
Austria 8½ 1990	96⅝	97
Avco 9¼ 1985	97⅝	98¼
Barclays 8½ 1982	98⅝	99⅛
Beatrice 7¾ 1983	94½	95½
Canadair 8 1983	95¾	96¼
Canada Nat Railway 8¾ 1986	95⅝	95⅞
ECA 9 1993	98⅝	98⅞
Charbonnage de France 8¾ 1981	97½	97¾
Citicorp 6¼ 1980	94⅝	95¼
Citicorp 7 1981	95½	94
EIC New Zealand 8¾ 1983	94½	94¾
EIC New Zealand 8¾ 1985	94½	94¾
Dow Chemical 8 1986	94	94½
EEC 7½ 1979	97½	98
EEC 8¼ 1982	95⅞	96¼
EIB 8 1984	93⅞	94⅜
EIB 9¾ 1995	98	98½
Elf-Aquitaine 8¾ 1985	95⅛	95⅝
Eurofima 8½ 1988	95¼	95¾
ICI Industries 9 1985	96½	96⅞
ITEL 9¼ 1988	96⅞	97⅜
ITT 8¾ 1987	94¼	94¾
Macmillan Bloedel 9¾ 1993	96⅞	97⅜
Midland Bank 8¾ 1992	95¼	95⅝
NCB 8 1987	91½	91⅞
National Westminster 9 1986	98½	99
New Zealand Forest Products 9 1986	96⅞	97⅜
Newfoundland 9¾ 1990	98½	98⅞
Nordic Invest Bank 8¾ 1988	95⅞	96⅜
Norsk Hydro 7¾ 1982	93¾	94¼
Norway 7¾ 1982	94½	94⅞
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	93⅞	94
Occidental 8½ 1983	94⅞	95¼
Quebec Hydro 9¾ 1993	98⅛	98⅝
Renault 8¾ 1981	97½	98
R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982	96⅞	97
Shell 8½ 1990	94¼	94¾
Tauernautobahn 8¼ 1987	93	93¾

CANADIAN DOLLARS

Avco 9½ 1982	95⅝	96⅛
Ford 8½ 1984	92	92½
General Motors 9¼ 1988	94½	94¾
Royal Bank of Canada 9 1992	92½	93
Union Carbide 9¾ 1986	95¼	96

FLOATING RATE NOTES

Chase Manhattan 9 5/16 1993	96¼	97
Credit Lyonnais 9 9/16	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Westminster 10 9/16 1984	99	99½
Midland 9 7/16 1993	97¼	97¾
Offshore Mining 9 7/16 1986	98¼	98¾
Williams & Glyns 9¾ 1984	99	99½

US $ CONVERTIBLES

American Express 4¼ 1987	75½	77
Babcock & Wilcox 7 1992	148	149½
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	93	94½
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	107½	109
Beecham 6¾ 1992	113½	114½
Boots 6½ 1993	98	99
Borden 5 1992	90½	92
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	73½	75
Carnation 5 1988	73	74½
Dart 4¾ 1987	78	79½
Eastman Kodak 1988	80½	82
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	75	76½
Firestone 5 1988	74½	76
Ford 5 1988	79	80½
General Electric 4¼ 1987	79	80½
Gillette 4¾ 1987	73	74½
Gulf & Western 5 1988	86	87½
Harris 5 1992	195	197
Honeywell 6 1986	83½	85
ICI 6¾ 1992	96½	97¾
INA 6 1997	91	92½
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	111	112½
ITT 4½ 1987	75½	77
Jusco 6 1992	160½	161½
Komatsu 7½ 1990	168	169½
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	146½	148½
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	104	105½
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	108	109½
J. C. Penney 4¼ 1987	73½	75
Revlon 4¾ 1987	127	128½
Reynolds Metal 5 1988	87	88½
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1987	91	92½
Squibb 4¼ 1987	78	79½
Texaco 4¾ 1988	71½	73
Texas Int Airlines 7¾ 1993	83	84½
Toshiba 6¼ 1992	140½	142½
Tyco 8½ 1988	98½	100
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	86	87½
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	77	78½
Warner Lambert 4½ 1988	72½	74
Xerox 5 1988	73	74½

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Bullion dealers made full members of LME

London bullion dealers, Sharps Pixley and Co, have been elected ring dealing members of the London Metal Exchange at a joint board and committee meeting, the committee chairman Mr Ian Foster said.

This is the first time one of the five members of the London bullion market has applied for full ring dealing membership of the LME. Sharps Pixley are part of the Kleinwort Benson banking group.

Palladium price

Johannesburg.—Impala Platinum has raised its producer-price for palladium to $80 an ounce, from $70 previously, effective immediately. Last Friday, Rustenburg Platinum Mines also raised its producer-price for palladium to $80.—Reuter.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	10%
Barclays Bank	10%
BCCI Bank	10%
Consolidated Crdts	10%
C. Hoare & Co	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
London Mercantile	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
Rossminster	10%
TSB	10%
Williams and Glyn's	10%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 6½%, up to £25,000, 7½%, over £25,000, 7¾%.

COPPER.—Wire bars closed very steady; cathodes were idle.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £743.50-44.50 a metric ton; three months, £764-64.50. Sales, 3,000. Cash cathodes, £733-33.50; three months, £753-53.50. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £741.50-742; three months, £761.50-762. Settlement, £742.00. Sales, 9,800 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £729.50-730; three months, £749.50-750. Settlement, £730.00. Sales, 250 tons.

SILVER was very steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 290.50p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 582.90); three months, 298.00p (594.70c); six months, 306.25p (607.50c); one year, 323.55p (634.00c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 291.1-91.8p; three months, 298.7-98.8p. Sales, 71 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 290.5-290.6p; three months, 298.0-298.1p. Settlement, 290.6p. Sales, 63 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal closed very firm; high-grade was idle.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £7,810-50 a metric ton; three months, £7,675-85. Sales, 520 tons. High grade, cash, £7,840-50; three months, £7,685-7,700. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £7,710-7,730; three months, £7,575-7,580. Settlement, £7,730. Sales, 186 tons. High grade, cash, £7,710-7,730; three months, £7,580-7,595. Settlement, £7,730. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM1,976 a picul.

LEAD closed firm.—Afternoon.—Cash, £413-14.00 per metric ton; three months, £396-96.50. Sales, 4,600 tons. Morning.—Cash, £404.50-405; three months, £391.50-392. Settlement, £405.00. Sales, 3,950 tons.

ZINC was firm.—Afternoon.—Cash, £358.50-59.50 a metric ton; three months, £370-70.50. Sales, 1,300 tons. Morning.—Cash, £355-355.50; three months, £366-366.50. Settlement, £355.50. Sales, 2,600 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £171.80 ($345) a troy ounce.

ALUMINIUM was steady.—Afternoon.—Three months, £601.00-01.50 a metric ton. Sales, 400 tons. Morning.—Three months, £599.50-600.00. Sales, 500 tons.

RUBBER closed firm.—(pence per kilo).—Nov, 62.25-63.50; Dec, 63.25-63.50; Jan/March, 65.25-65.40; April/June, 67.95-68.00; July/Sept, 70.25-70.40; Oct/Dec, 72.25-72.40; Jan/March, 74.20-74.40; April/June, 76.30-76.40; July/Sept, 78.45-78.60. Sales: Six lots at five tonnes each and 739 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS closed fully steady.—Spot: 61.75-62.75. Cifs: Nov, 63.25-62.75; Dec, 63.50-64.00.

COFFEE: Robustas were irregular, arabicas were dull.

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton): Nov, 1505-1510; Jan, 1405-1400; March, 1309-1310; May, 1262-1265; July, 1222-1230; Sept, 1200-1205; Nov, 1180-1180. Sales: 3,588 lots including 15 options.

ARABICAS were all unquoted.

COCOA closed steadier.—(£ per metric ton).—Dec, 2010.0-12.0; March, 2030.0-33.0; May, 2053.0-55.0; July, 256.5-57.0; Sep, 2043.0-46.0; Dec, 2007.50-15.0; March, 1990.0-2005.0. Sales, 3,550 lots including 8 options. ICCO prices: daily, 179.55c; 15-day average, 170.38c; 22-day average, 170.60c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR: The London daily price of "raws" was £1.00 lower at £108; the "whites" price was unchanged at £114.50. Futures were steady (£ per metric ton):—Dec, 112.00-12.15; March, 113.75-13.90; May, 115.50-15.60; Aug, 117.75-17.90; Oct, 120.50-20.75; Dec, 122.25-22.60; March, 126.10-26.70. Sales: 1,908 lots. ISA prices: 8.92c; 15-day average, 8.94.

WHITE SUGAR was quiet.—Feb, 116.50-18.00; April, 120.50-21.00; July, 125.00-25.50; Sept, 128.00-29.50; Nov, 134.00-34.50; Feb, 139.75-40.50; April, 144.00-45.50. Sales: 45 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures (pence per kilo).—Australian (quiet).—Oct, 221.0-38.0; Dec, 228.0-30.0; March, 236.0-38.0; May, 238.0-40.0; July, 234.0-43.0; Oct, 234.0-40.0; Dec, 235.0-43.0; March, 239.0-47.0. Sales: 10 lots. New Zealand Crossbreds (quiet).—Dec, 187.0-89.0; March, 185.0-88.0; May, 187.0-90.0; July, 187.0-90.0; Oct, 190.0-93.0; Dec, 194.0-97.0; March, 193.0-98.0. Sales: 20 lots.

JUTE was easier. Bangladesh white "C" grade, $501 per long ton. "D" grade, $485.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring, number one, 13½ per cent, Nov/Dec £92.50 quoted Tilbury. United States dark northern spring, number two, 14 per cent Oct, £84; Nov, £85.50; Dec, £86.50; trans-shipment east coast. United States hard winter, number two, 13½ per cent, Nov, £87; Dec, £87.75; trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French option, spot, £103.50; Nov, £101; Dec, £102 trans-shipment east coast. South African white, Nov/Dec, £64.50. South African yellow, Nov/Dec, £64.50.

BARLEY.—English feed fob, Jan/March, £86.75 east coast. All per tonne, cif United Kingdom, unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—

BARLEY was barely steady.—Nov, £79.30; Jan, £83.10; March, £84.40; May, £86.70. Sales: 273 lots.

WHEAT was barely steady.—Nov, £87.75; Jan, £90.20; March, £92.50; May, £94.80. Sales: 212 lots.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
NE England	£88.60	£86.30	£76.10
Berks & Oxon	—	—	£77.70

The UK monetary coefficient for the week beginning Monday, October 30 (based on H-GCA calculations) is expected to increase to 1.297.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's Regional and UK average ex-farm spot prices for week ending Thursday October 19, 1978:

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY	Malting BARLEY
S. East	£87.90	£85.90	£75.90	£80.00
S. West	£86.80	£85.30	£76.50	£81.30
Eastern	£87.30	£85.00	£75.90	£83.80
E. Midlands	£88.40	£84.90	£76.10	£82.30
W. Midlands	£86.80	£83.80	£75.50	—
N. East	£88.50	£85.40	£76.80	£81.60
N. West	£89.60	£85.60	£74.50	£77.50
Scotland	£90.80	£89.00	£77.80	£84.80
N. Ireland	—	—	—	—
UK	£88.10	£84.90	£76.20	£83.60

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 24: GB: Cattle 66.84p per kglw (+0.15). UK: Sheep 135.2p per kgestdcw (+1.4). GB: Pigs 63.2p per kglw (+0.8). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 3.2 per cent, average price 66.50p (−0.05). Sheep numbers up 9.8 per cent, average price 135.5p (+1.7). Pig numbers down 29.7 per cent, average price 63.4p (+1.0). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 0.4 per cent, average price 71.01p (+0.24). Sheep numbers down 14.4 per cent, average price 121.6p (−5.4). Pig numbers up 9.8 per cent, average price 64.1p (no change).

Meat Commission: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 23: GB: Cattle 66.88p per KG LW (−0.17). UK: Sheep 135.2p per KG est DCW (+0.5). GB: Pigs 66.4p per KG LW (−0.3). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 11.2 per cent, average price 66.58p (−0.17). Sheep numbers down 14.3 per cent, average price 135.0p (+0.2). Pig numbers down 5.4 per cent, average price 66.4p (−0.4). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 15.6 per cent, average price 68.17p (−0.54). Sheep numbers down 10.4 per cent, average price 130.4p (−1.1). Pig numbers up 33.4 per cent. Average price 63.2p (−1.1).

EGGS The London Egg Exchange.—Home-produced: Brown's 1's and 2's are the best feature of an otherwise over-supplied market.

Home produced market prices (in £ per 120, based on trading packer/first-hand):

	Wed/Thur/Fri	Mon/Tues
White		
1s	3.40 to 3.70	3.50 to 3.80
2s	3.00 to 3.30	3.00 to 3.30
3s	2.60 to 2.90	2.60 to 2.90
4s	2.50 to 2.70	2.50 to 2.70
5s	2.00 to 2.10	2.00 to 2.10
6s	1.60 to 1.80	1.60 to 1.80
7s	1.25 to 1.40	1.25 to 1.40
Brown		
1s	4.70 to 5.00	4.80 to 5.00
2s	4.00 to 4.20	4.10 to 4.20
3s	3.00 to 3.30	3.00 to 3.20
4s	2.60 to 2.80	2.60 to 2.80

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

CREDIT FOR GHANA

E.C.G.D. has guaranteed a $20m line of credit to Ghana. Finance has been arranged on behalf of Standard Chartered Bank, Barclays Bank International and Chemical Bank.

Wall Street

New York, Oct 23.—Stock prices closed today when blue chip issues recovered from their lowest levels of the session.

About 1,060 issues declined with only some 510 issues higher.

But the Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.65 at 839.66. It was nearly nine points at its low for the day. Volume totalled 36.250 million shares, compared with 43,670 million on Friday.

The market was aided by the dollar.

Gold loses $1.90

New York, Oct 23.—The price of GOLD eased in light trading, the October contract falling $1.90 to $225.80. NY COMEX.—Oct, $225.80; Nov, $226.20; Dec, $227.80; Feb, $231.50; April, $235.20; June, $239.00; Aug, $242.80; Oct, $246.70; Dec, $250.70; Feb, $254.80; April, $269.00; June, $263.20; Aug, $267.50. CHICAGO IMM.—Dec, $227.70-228.00; March, $233.50-233.20; June, $239.20; Sept, $245.00; Dec, $250.90; March, $256.90; June, $263.10; Sept, $269.70.

SILVER closed barely steady, losing up to 3.2 cents. Oct, 580.30c; Nov, 581.80c; Dec, 585.80c; Jan, 589.90c; March, 598.00c; May, 606.20c; July, 614.70c; Sept, 623.40c; Dec, 637.20c; Jan, 641.70c; March, 651.10c; May, 660.60c; July, 670.20c. Handy & Harman 585.00c (587.30c). Handy & Harman of Canada $6.909 ($6.987).

COPPER closed steady. Oct, 66.00c; Nov, 66.15c; Dec, 66.70c; Jan, 67.30c; March, 68.50c; May, 69.55c; July, 70.50c; Sept, 71.35c; Dec, 72.45c; Jan, 72.85c; March, 73.65c; May, 74.45c; July, 75.25c.

SUGAR futures sold off almost 0.20 cent from the highs, closing 0.07 to 0.04 cent ahead.—Jan, 8.80-85c; March, 9.07-08c; May, 9.22-23c; July, 9.39c; Sept, 9.51-53c; Oct, 9.62c; Jan, 9.65-70c; March, 10.10-25c.

COCOA prices closed 2.35 to 2 cents up on an estimated 1,018 lots.—Dec, 178.10c; March, 176.80c; May, 175.75c; July, 174.00c; Sept, 172.10c; Dec, 168.60c.

COFFEE futures declined 1.33 to 0.50 cent.—Dec, 147.50-95c; March, 138.50c; May, 134.25-50c; July, 130.25-1.00c; Sept, 130.00-50c; Dec, 125.00c; March, 115.00-27.

COTTON closed steady on estimated sales of 3,550.—Dec, 67.95-99c; March, 70.42-45c; May, 72.05c; July, 71.45-50c; Oct, 67.80c; Dec, 66.90-96c; March, 67.75-8.00c.

CHICAGO: SOYABEANS: A flurry of hedge selling in the final minutes shaved gains in soybean futures. SOYABEANS Nov, 671¼-73c; Jan, 682-81c; March, 691-90c; May, 695c; July, 697-97½c; Aug, 689c; Sep, 670c; Nov, 659c. SOYABEAN OIL: Dec, 25.75-65c; Jan, 25.50-45c; March, 25.25-20c; May, 25.15-10c; July, 24.90-85c; Aug, 24.65-70c; Sep, 24.30-40c; Oct, 24.10-15c. SOYABEAN MEAL: Dec, $181.70-2.00; Jan, $183.30-3.20; March, $185.00-4.70; May, $185.00-5.50; July, $186.00; Aug, $184.50-5.00; Sept, $182.00-2.50; Oct, 181.10.

CHICAGO GRAINS: Wheat futures ended a mostly Lackluster session off 3-1/4 to 3-1/4 cents. WHEAT. Dec, 334/3/4-35c; Mch, 333/1/4-32/3/4c; May, 330-30/1/4c; July, 318/3/4-19c; Sep, 322/1/2c; Dec, 329/1/2c. MAIZE: Dec, 228-28/1/4c; March, 237/3/4-1/2c; May, 244/3/4c; July 249-1/2-3/4; Sep, 250c; Dec, 254 3/4c. Oats: Dec, 138c; Mch, 147/3/4c; May, 151-58/1/2c; July 151c.

	Oct 23	Oct 20
Allied Chem	34	34
Allied Stores	24½	24¼
Allied Supermkt	3¼	3⅛
Allis Chalmers	30⅜	30¾
Alcoa	46¾	47½
Amax Inc	46¾	46⅝
Amerada Hess	28½	27⅝
Am Airlines	14⅛	13⅞
Am Brands	47	48½
Am Broadcast	38	37¾
Am Can	36¼	36⅛
Am Cyanamid	25½	25½
Am Elec Power	22⅜	22⅜
Am Home	28⅛	28¾
Am Motors	5¾	5¾
Am Nat Res	41½	43
Am Standard	45⅝	46
Am Telephone	62	61⅝
AMF Inc	18¼	18⅛
Armco Steel	20½	20⅝
Asarco	14½	14⅝
Ashland Oil	45½	46
Atlntic Richfield	52½	52⅝
Avco	24½	25
Avon Products	53⅝	53⅝
Bankers Tst NY	37	37¼
Bank of America	26¼	26⅜
Bank of NY	34½	34½
Beatrice Foods	25	25¼
Bell & Howell	18¼	17¾
Bendix	36½	37
Bethlehem Steel	21½	21⅝
Boeing	60⅛	60⅝
Boise Cascade	29½	29½
Borden	27	27¼
Borg Warner	30¼	31⅛
Bristol Myers	32¾	33
BP	17⅝	17⅝
Burlington Ind	17¼	17⅛
Burlington Nthn	40⅛	40
Burroughs	72	72⅛
Campbell Soup	33⅛	34
Canadian Pacific	18⅝	19
Caterpillar	56⅛	57
Celanese	41	41⅛
Central Soya	12⅝	13
Charter NY	28¾	28
Chase Manhat	33⅛	33⅝
Chem Bank NY	41½	41⅜
Chesapeake Ohio	29¾	29¾
Chrysler	10½	10⅞
Citicorp	26	26
Cities Service	54⅛	54
Clark Equip	37½	37⅞
Coca Cola	41¼	42
Colgate	18¼	18⅛
CBS	54	54⅛
Columbia Gas	26¾	26⅞
Combustion Eng	34½	34⅝
Comwlth Edison	26	26
Cons Edison	23⅞	23¾
Cons Foods	22¾	22⅝
Cons Power	22¼	22⅛
Continental Grp	29¾	29¾
Continental Oil	28⅛	27
Control Data	34	33½
Corning Glass	55⅞	55⅝
CPC Intnl	50⅛	50⅛
Crane	27½	27⅝
Crocker Int	27¾	27
Crown Zeller	34⅛	34⅝
Dart Ind	42¼	42
Deere	32⅝	32⅜
Del Monte	41⅛	41⅝
Delta Air	44¼	44½
Detroit Edison	15⅝	15⅝
Disney	39⅛	39⅜
Dow Chemical	26	26
Dresser Ind	40⅛	40⅛
Duke Power	19¾	19⅞
Du Pont	130½	130
Eastern Air	10⅛	10¼
Eastman Kodak	61	60
Eaton Corp	37½	37⅞
El Paso Nat Gas	15½	15⅞
Equitable Life	18⅝	18⅝
Esmark	27	26¾
Evans P. D.	20½	20¾
Exxon Corp	48¾	50
Fed Dept Stores	34½	34
Firestone	12¾	12⅝
Fst Chicago	22	22⅛
Fst Nat Boston	28½	29⅛
Fst Penn Corp	15¼	15⅜
Ford	44	44⅛
GAF Corp	11⅛	11½
Gamble Skogmo	31⅝	32
Gen Dynamics	74½	79½
Gen Electric	48⅜	48¾
Gen Foods	32¾	32⅝
Gen Mills	28⅛	28⅜
Gen Motors	62⅛	62⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	17¼	17¼
Gen Tel Elec	28⅛	28¾
Gen Tire	24½	24⅝
Genesco	5	4⅞
Georgia Pacific	27½	27⅞
Getty Oil	38¼	37⅛
Gillette	27½	27⅞
Goodrich	18½	18⅝
Goodyear	16⅞	16⅝
Gould Inc	28¼	28⅛
Grace	31½	30⅞
Gt Atlnc & Pacific	5¾	5⅞
Greyhound	12⅛	12⅛
Grumman Corp	16½	16⅝
Gulf Oil	23⅞	23⅝
Gulf & West	13½	13⅝
Heinz H. J.	39½	41
Hercules	16	16
Honeywell	64½	65⅝
IC Inds	25½	24⅞
Ingersoll	57½	57⅝
Inland Steel	37½	37⅝
IBM	278¾	278⅝
Int Harvester	36½	36½
INCO	16½	16½
Int Paper	41⅝	41⅝
Int Tel Tel	29¼	29⅝
Jewel Co	21⅜	21⅜
Jim Walter	29⅛	29⅛
Johns-Manville	28⅜	29⅞
Johnson & John	76⅛	77⅛
Kaiser Alumin	18⅜	18⅝
Kennecott	24⅛	24⅜
Kerr McGee	42½	43
Kimberly Clark	44⅜	44⅜
Kraftco Corp	45½	45⅜
K Mart	26	26
Kroger	33⅛	33⅛
Ligget Group	31½	37
L.T.V. Corp	8¼	8½
Litton	24	23⅝
Lockheed	22¼	22⅛
Lucky Stores	15⅛	15¼
Manuf Hanover	36⅞	37
Mapco	32	32⅛
Marathon Oil	51⅛	51⅝
Marine Midland	16⅛	16⅝
Martin Marietta	29⅛	29⅝
McDonnell	30⅜	30⅝
Mead	30	30⅛
Memorex	36¼	36⅜
Merck	57½	56¾
Minnesota Mng	58⅝	58⅜
Mobil Oil	68¼	67½
Monsanto	56⅞	56⅛
Morgan J. P.	47⅛	47⅜
Motorola	42⅛	42
NCR Corp	64⅞	65⅛
NL Industries	21	20
Nabisco	27½	27⅛
Nat Distillers	20½	20⅜
Nat Steel	30½	30½
Norfolk West	25	25⅛
NW Bancorp	25	25⅛
Norton Simon	18⅛	18
Occidental Pet	16½	18⅛
Ogden	30	30
Olin Corp	23⅛	23¼
Owens-Illinois	21⅛	21¼
Pacific Gas Elec	22½	23
Pan Am	7⅛	7
Penney J. C.	34⅛	34½
Pennzoil	29⅛	30⅛
Pepsico	25⅞	25⅝
Pfizer	33¼	33½
Phelps Dodge	22⅝	22⅜
Philip Morris	72⅝	73
Phillips Petrol	31¼	31⅛
Polaroid	48⅛	48⅝
PPG Ind	27½	27½
Proctor Gamble	85⅞	86⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	22	22
Pullman	39	37⅝
Rapid American	13⅝	14⅛
Raytheon	48½	48¾
RCA Corp	27¼	27
Republic Steel	25⅜	25⅝
Reynolds Ind	58⅛	58⅝
Reynolds Metal	36	35⅝
Rockwell Int	34⅛	34⅛
Royal Dutch	63½	63¼
Safeways	42¼	43
St Regis Paper	31⅛	31⅛
Santa Fe Ind	33⅜	33
SCM	19⅝	19⅝
Schlumberger	88⅛	88⅞
Scott Paper	14½	14⅝
Seaboard Coast	29	29
Seagram	22½	22⅛
Sears Roebuck	22⅛	22⅛
Shell Oil	33½	33⅞
Shell Trans	45⅛	45⅜
Signal Co	30⅛	30⅜
Singer	16½	16⅝
Sony	7½	7½
Sth Cal Edison	25½	25⅝
Southern Pacific	28⅛	28⅜
Southern Rly	50⅛	50⅛
Sperry Rand	42⅝	42⅝
Std Brands	23¾	24⅛
Std Oil Califnia	45⅛	44⅞
Std Oil Indiana	51⅛	50⅞
Std Oil Ohio	35⅛	35⅞
Sterling Drug	15⅛	15⅛
Stevens J. P.	14⅛	14⅛
Stude Worth	59	59⅝
Sunbeam Corp	19⅛	19⅛
Sun Comp	39	39½
Teledyne	95	91
Tenneco	31⅝	31⅝
Texaco	23½	23⅝
Texas East Corp	38½	35⅛
Texas Inst	82⅝	81
Texas Utilities	19⅛	19⅛
Textron	29⅛	29⅛
TWA	20	19½
Travelers Corp	34¼	33⅞
TRW Inc	36	35
UAL Inc	30⅛	32⅛
Unilever Ltd	46⅛	48⅛
Unilever NV	59½	60½
Union Bancorp	26⅝	26⅝
Union Carbide	37¼	38
Union Oil Calif	53½	52
Un Pacific Corp	54⅛	53⅝
Uniroyal	6¾	6⅞
United Brands	10½	11
US Industries	8⅛	8⅛
US Steel	25⅛	25⅛
Utd Technol	41⅞	41⅜
Wachovia	18⅛	18⅜
Warner Lambert	26	25⅞
Wells Fargo	30½	30
West'n Bancorp	28⅛	27⅛
Westnghse Elec	19⅛	20
Weyerhauser	26⅛	27⅛
Whirlpool	20⅛	21⅛
White Motor	8⅝	8⅝
Woolworth	19⅝	19⅝
Xerox Corp	52⅛	51⅛
Zenith	14¼	14

Canadian Prices

	Oct 23	Oct 20
Abitibi	17½	17½
Alcan Alumin	38½	38
Algoma Steel	24⅛	24
Bell Telephone	59⅛	59⅜
Cominco	30⅛	30⅜
Cons Bathurst	35½	35
Falconbridge	33	32⅞
Gulf Oil	31½	31⅛
Hawker Sid Can	8.00	8.00
Hudson Bay Min	21⅛	21⅜
Hudson Bay Oil	42⅛	42⅛
Imasco	35⅛	35⅜
Imperial Oil	21	21⅛
Int Pipe	16⅛	16⅛
Mass-Ferguson	11⅛	11⅛
Royal Trust	31⅛	31½
Seagram	30⅛	30⅝
Steel Co	27⅛	27½
Talcorp	10⅛	10⅛
Thomson N 'A'	14⅛	14⅛
Walker Hiram	35⅛	36⅛
WCT	11⅛	11½

e Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 2.0065 (1.9985); three months, 1.9957 (1.9850); Canadian dollar, 84.56 (84.46).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 1.19 at 389.91. The futures index was up 1.43 at 385.39.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 839.66 (838.01); transportation, 224.73 (223.85); utilities, 102.17 (102.30); 65 stocks, 286.93 (286.38).

New York Stock Exchange index, 54.79 (54.76); industrials, 59.76 (59.73); transportation, 44.54 (44.08); utilities, 38.78 (38.74); financial, 58.40 (58.60).

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977-78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
79	29	Airsprung Ord	76	—	5.5	7.2	10.0
215	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	215	—	18.5	8.6	—
46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	42	—	3.6	8.5	7.6
182	105	Bardon Hill	182	—	12.0	6.5	9.9
143	51	Deborah Ord	138	—	5.6	4.0	8.6
242	103	Deborah 17½% CULS	242	—	17.5	7.2	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	133	—	12.4	9.3	5.2
154	135	George Blair	154	—	15.0	9.7	5.7
60	36	Jackson Group	60	—	5.0	8.3	7.0
116	55	James Burrough	116	—	6.5	5.6	10.7
340	188	Robert Jenkins	305	—	29.7	9.7	5.0
25	9	Twinlock Ord	25	—	—	—	22.3
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	79	—	12.0	15.1	—
105	54	Unilock Holdings	105	—	7.4	7.0	11.3
122	67	Walter Alexander	122	—	7.2	5.9	7.5

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25th October 1978

Discount market

Extremely tight money conditions prevailed in the discount market yesterday. The shortage of day-to-day credit was only alleviated by the Bank of England giving a very large amount of assistance. The bank bought a large quantity of Treasury bills and a small number of local authority bills from the houses, some of which were for resale to the market at a future undisclosed date. Rates came off a trifle to 9¾ per cent for closing balances.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10%
(Last changed 6-6-78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 9¾ Low 8¾
Week Fixed: 9¾-9

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅝	2 months	9⅝
3 months	9⅝	3 months	9⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	10⅛-10	3 months	10⅞
3 months	10⅛-10⅛	4 months	11
4 months	10⅛-10⅛	6 months	11½
6 months	10⅝-10½		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10⅛-10⅛	7 months	10⅝-10½
2 months	10⅛-10⅛	8 months	10⅝-10½
3 months	10⅛-10½	9 months	11-10⅞
4 months	10⅛-10½	10 months	11-10½
5 months	10⅛-10½	11 months	11-10½
6 months	10⅛-10½	12 months	11-10½

Secondary Mkt. CD Rates (%)

1 month	9⅞-9⅞	6 months	10⅝-10⅝
3 months	10⅛-10⅛	12 months	10⅝-10⅝

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9⅞	3 months	10⅛
7 days	9⅞	6 months	10⅝
1 month	9⅞	1 year	11

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 9	Close 10		
1 week	9⅞-9⅞	6 months	11⅛-11
1 month	10⅛-10	9 months	11-10⅞
3 months	10⅛-10⅛	12 months	11-10⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt Rate%)
3 months 11¼ 6 months 11¼

Finance House Base Rate 9½%

Foreign Exchange

After recording a broad recovery on precautionary buying in front of President Carter's anti-inflation measures and a further upturn in United States interest rates the dollar closed below the best yesterday. The mid-afternoon downturn owed something to a Dow-Jones' report forecasting a 15 per cent rise in crude oil prices from a Saudi source. The pound moved narrowly and after reaching $2.0115-25, partly on the back of a second Vauxhall vote rejecting strike action closed unchanged at $2.0075. Sterling's "currency-basket" level performed similarly, finishing at 62.1 (same) after being 62.2 at midday.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) October 24	Market rates (close) October 24
New York	$2.0035-0125	$2.0070-0080
Montreal	$2.3710-3850	$2.3750-3760
Amsterdam	3.94-98fl	3.94⅝-95⅝fl
Brussels	57.20-60f	57.25-35f
Copenhagen	10.07-16⅛k	10.07½-08½k
Frankfurt	3.63⅛-65⅛m	3.63-64m
Lisbon	90.00-85e	90.30-60e
Madrid	138.70-139.40p	138.90-[illegible]p
Milan	1620-29lr	1623½-24½lr
Oslo	9.79½-98k	9.90-91k
Paris	8.38-42½f	8.39½-39½f
Stockholm	8.52-57k	8.52½-53½k
Tokyo	362-70y	365½-67½y
Vienna	26.65-80sch	26.67-75sch
Zurich	3.05½-3.10½f	3.06½-07½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971 was unchanged at 62.1 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.33-.23c prem	1.03-.93c prem
Montreal	.40-.30c prem	1.50-1.40c prem
Amsterdam	⅛c prem-⅛c disc	2½-1½c prem
Brussels	20c prem-5c disc	30-15c prem
Copenhagen	6½-9ore disc	7½-16ore disc
Frankfurt	2⅝-1⅝pf prem	6⅞-7⅞pf prem
Lisbon	30-140c disc	160-380c disc
Madrid	25-125c disc	160-260c disc
Milan	3-5lr disc	11-15lr disc
Oslo	2-3ore disc	4½-8½ore disc
Paris	2½-2½c prem	4½-3½c prem
Stockholm	½ore prem-1½ore disc	½ore prem-½ore prem
Vienna	27-17gro prem	40-30gro prem
Zurich	3⅝-2⅝c prem	9⅛-8⅛c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar) $0.8447-50.

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 8⅝-9⅝, seven days, 9-9⅞, one month, 9⅞-9⅞, three months, 10⅛-10⅝, six months, 10⅝-11⅛.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $226.3 (an ounce); pm, $225.8. Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $232½-233½ (£115½-116½); resident, $233½-235½ (£116-117½).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $61¼-63¼ (£30½-31½); resident, $64¼-66¼ (£32-33).

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Audiotronic 12½% Cum Pfd (100)	13½
Bristol Wtr 7½% Pf 1983 (£8)	£10
Camden 12½% Red 1985 (£99½)	£10
Carlless Superfoods 20p Ord (55)	109
Croda Dfd Ord	34
Ferranti 50p Ord (101)	235
Do 50p (101)	285
Hunting Petroleum Serv 20p Ord (85)	97
Rickmansworth Wtr 7% 86 (£97½)	[illegible]
Highview 10p Ord	116
Do 10% Uns (£100)	119
Southwark 12½% 1987 (£99½)	£10½
W. Kent Wtr 7% Pf 1983 (£97½)	£9½

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	Closing Price
Asbury and Midley (30)	Nov 24	34 prem
Time Products (155)	Dec 8	33 prem-1

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ¶ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £35 paid.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
37.3	24.2	Abbey Capital	34.8	37.0	4.22
50.4	35.7	Abbey General	47.1	50.1	4.14
44.3	28.8	Do Income	42.8	44.7	5.76
40.7	27.8	Do Invest	37.2	39.6	4.25
73.6	50.7	Equitas Prog	68.5	72.3	3.94
		Allen Trust Managers Ltd. Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, E.C.1 Y4TT 01-588 6371			
80.9	57.4	Allen Trust (3)	78.9	84.8	5.70
75.0	47.9	Do Inc (3)	73.6	79.1	6.63
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
73.6	53.6	Allied Capital	71.1	76.1	4.47
72.4	50.8	Do Inc	68.7	73.5	5.02
70.0	48.3	Brit Inds	66.5	71.1	5.34
41.4	27.8	Growth & Inc	37.7	40.3	5.22
38.2	24.0	Elec & Ind Dev	35.8	38.3e	4.62
45.4	32.4	Met Min & Cmdty	42.1	45.0e	5.05
71.5	45.4	High Income	68.8	73.7e	6.72
42.6	28.2	Equity Income	41.0	43.9	6.85
30.0	22.4	International	26.5	28.4	3.22
76.5	44.0	HighYieldFnd	74.3	79.5e	7.69
117.1	79.1	Hambro Fnd	110.8	118.5	5.15
103.6	72.4	Do Recovery	101.7	108.8	4.73
41.5	17.8	Do Smaller	38.8	41.5	4.46
134.2	69.7	Do Accum	125.2	134.0e	4.87
60.2	24.2	2nd Smaller	57.7	61.7e	4.66
60.1	45.5	Secs of America	51.6	55.2	2.08
51.6	31.8	Pacific Fnd	49.2	52.7	1.90
63.9	45.9	Overseas Fnd	60.5	64.7	4.48
253.0	138.3	Exempt Smaller	246.5	259.5e	4.63

(The remaining unit trust, insurance bond and offshore fund price listings on this page are printed in very small, blurred type that cannot be reliably read at this resolution. Legible section headings include: Arbuthnot Securities Ltd; Barclays Unicorn Ltd; Bridge Fund Managers Ltd; Britannia Trust Management Ltd; The British Life; Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers; Canada Life Unit Trust Managers; Capel (James) Management Ltd; Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd; Cent. Board of Fin of the Church of England; Charities Official Investment Fund; Chieftain Trust Managers Ltd; Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd; Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd; James Finlay Unit Trust Management Ltd; Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd; Friends Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd; Funds in Court; G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd; G.T. Unit Managers Ltd; Gartmore Fund Managers; Grieveson Management Co Ltd; Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd; Henderson Administration; Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd; Key Fund Managers; Kleinwort Benson Unit Managers; Lawson Securities; Legal & General Tyndall Fund; Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers; Local Authorities Mutual Investment Trust; M & G Securities; Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Managers Ltd; National Provident Inv Managers Ltd; National Westminster Unit Trust Managers; N.E.L. Trust Managers Ltd; Norwich Union Insurance Group; Pearl Unit Trust Managers Ltd; Pelican Unit Administration; Perpetual Unit Trust Management; Practical Investment Co Ltd; Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd; Prudential Unit Trust Managers; Reliance Unit Managers Ltd; Rothschild Asset Management; Save & Prosper Group; Scotbits Securities Ltd; Schlesinger Trust Managers; J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co Ltd; Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd; Stewart Unit Trust Managers Ltd; Sun Alliance Fund Management Ltd; Target Trust Managers Ltd; Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd; TSB Unit Trusts; Transatlantic & General Securities; Tyndall Managers Ltd; London Wall Group; Unit Trust Account & Management; Insurance Bonds and Funds: Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd; Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd; AMEV Life Assurance Ltd; Barclays Life Assurance Co; Beehive Life Assurance; Cannon Assurance Ltd; Canada Life; City of Westminster Assurance Society; Commercial Union Group; Cornhill Insurance; Crown Life Insurance Co; Crusader Insurance; Drummond Assurance Society; Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance; Equity & Law Life Assurance Society Ltd; Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd; Grosvenor Life Assurance Co Ltd; Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group; Hambro Life Assurance; Hearts of Oak Benefit Society; Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd; Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd; Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada; Irish Life Assurance; Langham Life Assurance; Legal & General (Unit Assurance) Ltd; Legal and General (Unit Pensions) Ltd; Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd; The London & Manchester Group; Manufacturers Life Insurance; Merchant Investors Assurance; M & G Assurance; N.E.L. Pensions Ltd; Norwich Union Insurance Group; Pearl Assurance (Unit Funds) Ltd; Phoenix Assurance; Property Equity & Life Ass Co; Property Growth Assurance; Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd; Providence Capitol Life Assurance Co Ltd; Prudential Pensions Ltd; Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd; Save & Prosper Group; Schroder Life Group; Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance; Solar Life Assurance Limited; Standard Life Assurance Co; Sun Alliance Fund Management Ltd; Sun Alliance Linked Life Insurance Ltd; Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd; Target Life Assurance; Trident Life; Tyndall Assurance; Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd; Vanbrugh Pensions Limited; Welfare Insurance; Offshore and International Funds: Arbuthnot Securities (C.I.) Ltd; Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd; Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd; Barclays Unicorn International (IOM) Ltd; Britannia Trust Management (C.I.) Ltd; Calvin Bullock Ltd; Charterhouse Japhet; Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd; van Cutsem & Associates; First General Unit Managers; Gartmore Investment Management Ltd; Hambros Bank (Guernsey) Ltd; Hill Samuel (C.I.) Trust Co Ltd; Kayanday Bermuda Management Ltd; Kemp-Gee Management Jersey Ltd; Kleinwort Benson Ltd; M & G Group; Neptune International Fund Managers; Oliver Heath & Co; Rothschild Asset Management (C.I.); SF Commodity Holdings Ltd; Save & Prosper International; Schroder Life Group; Surinvest (Jersey) Ltd; Surinvest Trust Managers Ltd; Tyndall Group (Bermuda); Tyndall-Guardian Group (Bermuda); Tyndall Group (Isle of Man); Tyndall Group (Jersey).)

e Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross. ‡ Previous day's price. ¶ Ex all. x Dealings suspended. e Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Ex bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium.

Stock Exchange Prices

Equities barely stir

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Oct 16. Dealings End, Oct 27. § Contango Day, Oct 30. Settlement Day, Nov 7.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

1977/78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
[illegible]	95¾	Treas 11½% 1979	100⅝	..	11.436	9.807
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3% 1979	95⅝	[illegible]	3.133	8.085
[illegible]	85¾	Elec 4¼% 1974-79	96¾	[illegible]	4.392	7.973

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
[illegible]	79¾	Aust 5½% 77-80	95	..	5.809	11.749
[illegible]	69¾	Aust 5½% 81-82	[illegible]	..	6.677	11.899

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

FOREIGN STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
57	40½	Bayer	£55	−2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Investment Dollar Premium 79½% (78½%)
Premium Conversion Factor 0.7311

DOLLAR STOCKS

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	106	..	9.3	8.8	7.4
45	25	AC Cars	42	−2	3.4	8.4	5.8
121½	29½	AGB Research	113	§ −1	3.8	3.4	17.7
257	134	APV Hldgs	232	..	9.1	3.9	8.6
78¼	45¾	Aaronson Bros	72	..	5.3	7.4	7.3
135	62	Acrow	132	..	3.8	2.9	10.9
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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

SHIPPING

MINES

OIL

PROPERTY

RUBBER

TEA

MISCELLANEOUS

a Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 24.10.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	215.24	6.37	11.68	213.10
Largest Coys.	223.04	6.11	11.21	222.01
Smaller Coys.	206.96	7.24	13.20	206.49
Capital Goods	265.64	6.81	14.47	265.10
Consumer Goods	225.93	6.78	10.90	225.75
Store Shares	190.62	6.26	8.12	190.16
Largest financial shares	218.18	6.36	—	218.71
Largest financial and industrial shares	222.39	6.16	—	222.19
Commodity shares	252.01	8.36	13.81	253.12
Gold Mining shares	307.81	10.21	12.07	318.81
Industrial debenture stocks	93.46	8.42*	—	93.36
Industrial preference stocks	56.11	12.30*	—	56.35
3½% War Loan	31⅞	11.53*	—	31¾

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	232.06 (14.09.78)	60.28 (12.12.74)
1978	232.06 (14.09.78)	184.85 (02.03.78)
1977	222.98 (14.09.77)	131.20 (12.01.77)
1976	171.85 (05.05.76)	115.83 (27.10.76)
1975	158.92 (19.11.75)	61.42 (08.01.75)
1974	158.15 (28.02.74)	60.15 (12.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	138.98 (14.12.73)

* Flat interest yield.

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Broadcasting Guide

Edited by Peter Davalle

PERSONAL CHOICE



Clark, Peter Duncan and Olaf Pooley in The Silver e (ITV, 4.45)

ritably, it has been called the nuclear Watergate and d the general drift of tonight's dramatized documentary Struggle (ITV, 8.30)—a cover-up at the top, uncovered o diligent men with the help of a "Deep Throat" informant akingly similar to the Bernstein-Woodward story. The en were a young lawyer and an economics graduate. They thed expert findings that America's light water reactors, ved by the Atomic Energy Commission, were potentially gerous that entire cities could be destroyed by their ctive gases. The commission hushed up the findings, but sis was to overtake them in a most spectacular way. John has turned the whole shoddy affair into a play. The or is John Irvin whose Hard Times, screened last year, ne of television's most painstaking and successful attempts n Dickens.

s is Your Life (ITV, 7.00) possibly the nearest some men omen will ever get to canonization, returns tonight. The will not be received with whoops of delight by anyone who ribes to the warts-and-all theory of portraiture. There are aracter blemishes in these programmes. They are not so This is Your Life as This is Your Expurgated Life. They sy and warm and leave you feeling either privileged that elong to the same human species as these weekly paragons lefully envious that the course of your own equally spotless ill never be similarly charted in public.

ything less like the Hills of Heaven than the slagheaps of n it would be difficult to imagine. But, in the 1920s, when try unwittingly provided these adventure playgrounds, the hillocks were where children could live out their fantasies. of those children was John Farrimond, in later years a r. He wrote a book about those days and now, in an tation by Barry Collins, it has become a television serial hildren. You can see part one tonight (BBC 1, 5.10).

are not going to be allowed to forget that today sees the cation of Liverpool's new cathedral, the foundation stone hich was laid 74 years ago by King Edward VII. The ce of dedication and thanksgiving goes out live on BBC 2 45 this morning, with edited highlights at 7.30. Radio's age begins at 10.50 am.

t week sees the first of this year's Reith lectures, to be by the Rev Dr Edward Norman, Dean of Peterhouse, ridge. His theme is Christianity and the World Order. ht, as a scene-setter, he talks to Derek Robinson (Radio 4, If you want to know even more about him in advance lectures, there is a well written profile by D. A. N. Jones s week's Radio Times.

[THE SYMBOLS MEAN : † STEREO ; * BLACK AND WHITE ; EPEAT.

TELEVISION

BBC 1

9.15 am, For School, colleges (until 10.45) : 9.15, Engineering Craft Studies ; 9.38, It's Maths (multiplication) ; 10.00, Landscape (Bogland) ; 10.23, Music Time.

10.45, You and Me: stories for the very young.

11.00, For Schools, colleges (until 12.30 pm) : 11.00, Near and Far ; 11.23, Words and Pictures ; 11.40, Biology (food and population) ; 12.05, Digame.

12.45 pm, News and weather.

1.00, Pebble Mill : including an item on Indian cuisine by Lalita Ahmed.

1.45, Over the Moon : story for children.

2.01, For Schools, colleges (until 3.00) : 2.01, Watch (reflections) ; 2.40, Physical Science (energy uses).

3.55, Play School : Luis Murschetz's story Mole.

4.20, Wally Gator : cartoon.

4.25, Jackanory : Maurice Benham continues reading Ferret Summer, by Brigid Chard.

4.40, Animal Magic : all about bats, including how to build a nesting box in your garden.

5.05, John Craven's Newsround : junior newsreel.

5.10, The Hills of Heaven : part 1 of a serialized version of John Farimond's book about three children whose games on slag heaps lead them into trouble. (See Personal Choice).

5.30, News, with Kenneth Kendall.

5.55, Nationwide : magazine programme.

6.50, It's a Knockout: a team from Stevenage travels to Arosa, Switzerland, to compete in the sixth heat.

8.05, Secret Army : another Second World War adventure story about Lifeline who open up routes for Allied escapers.

9.00, Party Political Broadcast : by the Labour Party.

9.10, News, with Kenneth Kendall.

9.35, The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin : comedy series starring Leonard Rossiter. Tonight, he receives an offer that will transform his life.

10.05, Sportsnight : Gymnastics—first final of the men's team championships from Strasbourg. Boxing—the Gardner v Aird fight. Rugby—West Wales v the All Blacks, from Swansea.

11.25, Tonight : Why Birkenhead's high-rise living plan was such a terrible mistake.

12.05 am, Weather/Regional News.

BBC1 variations : WALES: 10.00 am, Hwyr ac Yma. 2.18, Ffenestri. 3.00, Wales v New Zealand. 5.10, Blidowcar. 6.50, Heddiw. 7.15, Pawb un ei Fro. 7.40, Tomorrow's World. SCOTLAND: 11.00, Let's See. 2.18, Around Scotland.

BBC 2

9.40 am, Gharbar : for Asian viewers. Including an item on boredom and loneliness among women. Also, a classical Bengali song.

10.05, Parosi : serial in Hindustani and English about two Asian families in Britain. Part one.

10.20, Play School : same as BBC 1, 3.55.

10.45, Liverpool Cathedral : service of thanksgiving and dedication to mark its opening. The Queen will be there. Programme ends 12.15.

6.20 pm, Ceefax is Here : film.

6.50 News, with sub-title for the hard of hearing.

6.55, May I Have the Pleasure ? Dancing lessons. Tonight : Let's Twist Again.

7.25, News and weather.

7.30, Liverpool Cathedral : edited version of the programme first seen at 10.45 am.

8.00, Gardeners' World : last of the 1978 programmes from Clacks Farm. Tonight : in the heated greenhouse.



Ian Holm as J. B. Barrie in The Lost Boys (9.35)

8.25, The Money Programme : Roy Jenkins is interviewed about the European Monetary System, and Stanley Field, managing director of Baird, talks about the Dawson/Baird takeover.

9.00, Party Political Broadcast : same as BBC 1, 9.00.

9.10, M*A*S*H : Korean war comedies that tonight take a dramatic turn with an American priest performing a radio-assisted operation on a dying soldier.

9.35, The Lost Boys : final instalment of Andrew Birkin's excellent trilogy about the writer J. M. Barrie's strange involvement with the Llewelyn Davies family. Tonight : it is one cruel blow after the other.

11.10, My Kind of Movie : Frank Muir tells Sue MacGregor why he is so keen on Casablanca, to be screened tomorrow night.

11.15, Arena : Gavin Millar, in Hollywood, finds out from Christopher Isherwood, playwright Neil Simon and producer David Puttnam what it is like to live and work there.

11.50, News and weather.

12.05 am, Closedown : Martin Jarvis reads Ian W. McFadyen's poem Dear Princess.

THAMES

9.30 am, For Schools (until 12.00) : 9.30, My World ; stories ; 9.42, Making a Living (factory organization) ; 10.04, The English Programme ; 10.31, French Studies ; 11.00, Finding Out (weather forecasting) ; 11.20, Starting Out ; 11.39, How We Used to Live.

12.00, Adventures of Rupert Bear : today's story is about the Piggy Bank.

12.10 am, Stepping Stones: shopping stories for the very young.

12.30, Sounds of Britain : Stories, poems and sculpture by miners of Northumberland and Durham.

1.00, News.

1.20, Thames News : local round-up.

1.30, Crown Court : A mother-in-law is accused of attempted murder (continued).

2.00, After Noon : Stylish wear for women that does not cost the earth.

2.25, Racing : From Sandown Park we see the 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40.

3.50, Tell Me Another : True tales told by showbusiness people including Kenneth Williams and Hughie Green.

4.20, The Sooty Show : glove puppets and humans. The latter include Victor Burnett, the magician.

4.45, Shadows : fairy story about twin princes who have to out-magic each other. Mainly, but not exclusively for children.

5.15, Batman : more superhuman adventures.

5.45, News.

6.00, Thames at Six: local news and views.

6.25, Help ! Joan Shenton answers viewers' queries.

6.35, Crossroads : the motel serial continues.

7.00, This is Your Life : Eamonn Andrews returns with a new series of effusive biographies. (See Personal Choice.)

7.30, Coronation Street : more about the Langtons' matrimonial crisis.

8.00, What's on Next ? Return of the comedy series in which a talented team perform quick-fire sketches.

8.30, Power Struggle : dramatized reconstruction of the true story of two Americans who uncovered some frightening secrets about nuclear power safety. (See Personal Choice.)

10.00, Party Political Broadcast : by the Labour Party.

10.10, News.

10.40, Sports Special : including the Republic of Ireland v England soccer clash in Dublin and the world gymnastics championship from Strasbourg.

12.25 am, Close : Katherine Cornell reads a poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am, News, weather, papers, sport.

6.10, Farming.

6.30, Today. 7.00, 8.00, News.

7.30, 8.30, Headlines.

8.45, Sketches from a Hunter's Album (3).

9.00, News.

9.05, The Living World: The Ark has Landed.

9.35, Parent Power.

10.00, News.

10.05, You, the Jury. Sentence for Rape.

10.50, Thanksgiving Service in Liverpool Cathedral with the Queen.

12.00, News.

12.02 pm, You and Yours.

12.27, Dr Finlay's Casebook.

12.55, Weather.

1.00, The World at One.

1.30, The Archers.

1.45, Woman's Hour. News.

2.45, Listen with Mother.

3.00, News.

3.05, Play : Over the Moon, by Paul Allen.

3.50, Choral Evensong. Chapel of St George, Windsor Castle.

4.35, Story: The Little Nugget (3).

5.00, PM Report.

5.55, Weather.

6.0, Six O'clock News.

6.30, My Word ! Panel game.†

7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers.

7.20, Checkpoint. 7.45, The Reith Lecturer: The Rev Dr Edward Norman.

8.15, A Victorian Romance : Diaries of Ellen Palmer

8.45, Analysis. What are We Here for, Brothers ?

9.30, Kaleidoscope.

9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight.

10.30, An Actor in his Time : Sir John Gielgud(2).

11.00, A Book at Bedtime: The House with the Green Shutters (13).

11.15, The Financial World.

11.30, News, weather.

VHF: 6.50 am, Regional News, weather.

7.50, Regional News, weather.

9.05, Schools.

11.00, Schools.

12.55 pm, Regional News, weather.

2.00, Schools.

5.55, Regional News, weather.

11.00, Study on 4: Ensemble (4).

11.30, Close.

Radio 3

6.55, Weather. Comprehensive forecast.

7.00, News.

7.05, Your Midweek Choice Part 1: Schubert, Mozart.†

8.00, News.

8.05, Choice part 2: Boieldieu, Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, Massenet.†

9.00, News.

9.05, Composer : Faure.†

9.55, Music for Organ by Langlais.†

10.25, Grizedal e Piano Festival 1978 part 1: Beethoven, Rachmaninov.†

11.05, Interval Reading.

11.10, Recital, part 2: Schumann.

11.50, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra : Bizet, Elgar, Haydn.†

1.00, News.

1.05, Concert Hall: Purcell, Bach. Obradors.† 2.00, Concentus Musicus of Vienna (s) Concert, part 1: Bach, Couperin.

2.50, Interval Reading.

2.55, Concert, part 2: Rameau, Bach.

3.55, French Chamber Music by Guy-Ropartz† Lekeu (mono).

5.00, Building a Library.†

5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.30, News.

6.35, At Home Tito Gobbi.†

7.30, Music in Question.†

8.00, Rozhdestvensky and the BBC SO part 2 : Stravinsky.†

8.50, The Arts Worldwide.

9.10, Rozhdestvensky and the BBC SO part 2 ; Stravinsky.†

10.00, The Defect: talk by Ian Kennedy.

10.45, Beethoven Chamber Music.†

11.45, News.

11.50, 11.55, Schubert Song.†

Radio 2

5.00 am, News ; weather. 5.02, Tony Brandon.† 7.32, Terry Wogan 8.27, Racing Bulletin.† 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray's Open House. 1.45, Sports Desk.† 2.30, David Hamilton (continued on VHF). 2.45, Sports Desk.† 3.00, European Soccer Special : Republic of Ireland v England ; Northern Ireland v Denmark. 4.45, Waggoners' Walk (as VHF 4.30). 5.00, John Dunn (joint VHF).† 6.45, Racing results. 7.02, Sing Something Simple.† 7.30, Listen to the Band: Charlie Chester.† 8.15, Semprini Serenade.† 9.02, The Impresarios (2): The Musicals (1912-1934). 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, The News Huddlines: Ray Hudd. 10.30, Matt Monro : Be My Guest. 11.02, Peter Clayton: Round Midnight. 12.00, News; weather. 2.00-2.02 am, News. RADIO 2 SCOTLAND : 8.00-10.00 pm, Soccer : The European Championships, Scotland v Norway.

Radio 1

5.00 am, As Radio 2. 7.02, Dave Lee Travis. 9.00, Simon Bates: The Golden Hour. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 2.00, Tony Blackburn: National Pop Panel. 4.31, Paul Gambaccini. 5.30, Newsbeat. 7.00, Girl Talk. 7.30, Listen to the Band (joins Radio 2).† 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-2.02 am, As Radio 2.

VHF RADIOS 1 and 2 : 5.00 am, With Radio 2. 1.55 pm, Good Listening. 3.02, David Hamilton (continued from Radio 2. 2.30)† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk (200kHz, 1484kHz at 4.45). 4.45, John Dunn. 5.45, Sports Desk.† 6.45, With Radio 2. 10.00, With Radio 1. 12.00-2.02 am, With Radio 2.

Wavelengths

RADIO 1 : 1214kHz/247m. RADIO 2 : 200kHz/1500 m (Scotland 1484 kHz/202m). RADIO 1 and 2 VHF : 88-91. RADIO 3 : 647kHz/464m. VHF 90-92.5. RADIO 4 : 1052kHz/285m, 908kHz/330m, 692kHz/434m, VHF 92-95.

REGIONAL TV

Tyne Tees

9.25 am, The Good Word. North-East News. Weather. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, North-East News. Lookaround. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 12.25 am, Epilogue. 12.30, Close Down.

Southern

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 3.50, Survival. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, The Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, Scene Mid-Week. 7.00, Thames. 12.25 am, Southern News 12.35, Weather, Cares, prayers and poems. Close.

Ulster

9.30 am, Thames. 11.17, Let's Look at Ulster. 11.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 4.18, Ulster News. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Cartoons. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Reports. 6.35, Bob Newhart Show. 7.00, Thames. 10.40, Midweek Sports Special. 12.25 am, Bedtime. 12.35, Close.

Westward

9.30 am, Thames. 12.27 pm, Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30, Thames. 1.20, Westward News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 10.38, Westward News. Weather. 10.40, Midweek Sports Special. 12.25 am, Faith for Life. 12.30, Close.

HTV

9.30 am, Thames 10.41, About Wales. 1.20 pm, Report West. 1.25, Report Wales. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Help Yourself. 2.25, Thames. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, Llanerdale Farm. 7.00, Thames. 12.30 am, Weather. Close. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV General Service except: 1.20 pm, Pawb a'i Farn. 6.00, Y Dydd. 10.10, News, Report Wales Headlines. 10.40, Thames. HTV WEST.—As HTV General Service except 10.41 am, Interlude. 1.20 pm Report West. 6.15, Report West.

Scottish

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25 pm, News, Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 5.15 Dodo the Space Kid. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Elaine, Singer of the Song. 7.00, Thames. 10.40, Football. Gymnastics. 12.25 am, Late Call. 12.30, Close.

ATV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News-desk. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, You're Only Young Twice. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 12.25 am, Close.

Anglia

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25 am, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 12.25 am, The Big Question. Close.

Yorkshire

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Calendar. Weather. 6.35, Thames. 12.25 am, Close.

Border

9.30 am, Thames. 9.42, Play Fair. 10.04, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housepary. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Bernie. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, Thames. 10.40, Mid-week Sports Special Scotland v Norway. 12.25 am, Border News Weather. 12.28, Close.

Grampian

9.25 am, First Thing. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. Weather. 6.35, Thames. 12.25 am, Reflections. 12.30, Grampian headlines.

Channel

9.30 am, Thames. 1.18 pm, Lunchtime news. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 5.00, News. Weather. 6.15, Arthur. 6.35, Thames. 10.00 Review. 10.38, News. Weather. 12.25 am, News, weather in French, close.

Granada

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.10, What's New. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, Thames 6.00, Granada Reports. Queen in Liverpool. 7.00, Thames. 12.30 am, Close.

FINANCIAL NEWS

erox third quarter se gives ound for optimism

bullish forecast from Xerox oration on the basis of third-quarter results ld bring cheer to Rank x which contributed about er cent of Rank Organisa- profits.

Stamford, Connecticut, x Corp said that the latest er results reinforced its f that 1978 will be a good

1977 it earned $5.06 a on revenues of $5,089m now reports nine months ating income for 1978 of a share against $3.87 in same year-ago period.

rox said third-quarter l revenue from leased ines was up 8.5 per cent a year ago and revenues the sale of copiers, dup- rs supplies and other pro- s were some 50 per cent er.

he growth in the number opies made on our leased sold equipment continued

International

strong in the quarter and total worldwide placements of leased and sold copiers and duplicators continued well ahead of 1977", Xerox added.

Cancellations of leased equipment were also lower than a year earlier.

Third quarter operating earnings were $1.52 a share against $1.31. Operating net earnings were $122.7m against $105.3m on revenues of $1,510m compared with $1,260m.

For nine months operating income a share was $4.42 ($3.87) and operating net revenue $356.0m ($310.7m) on revenues of $4,340m compared with $3,730m.

The 1978 figures exclude an extraordinary gain of $12m or 15 cents a share from non-recurring payment

Ruling in case against Petrocon

Petrocon Group announces that in relation to the claim against its wholly owned subsidiary company Offshore Drilling Supplies for $340,000, already notified to shareholders, both ODS and Petrocon have jointly and severally been adjudged liable in the sum of $450,000 to J. C. Weiler and K. C. Hulsey, of Texas.

In 1977 C. W. Culpepper & Associates of Oklahoma were joined as defendants to the action and early this year commenced a cross-action against ODS and Petrocon, which was quantified in September at "$1m or more". In respect of this claim Culpepper were awarded $663,000 against ODS and Petrocon.

ODS and Petrocon have disputed, and continue to dispute, liability to any of the aforementioned and accordingly have instructed their United States lawyers to appeal against the decision and also to move for a retrial.

Atlantic Richfield up 14 pc in 3rd quarter

Atlantic Richfield Co reports net income of $220.52m or $1.81 a share for the third quarter ended September 30, a 14 per cent increase over the $193.91m or $1.59 a share earned in the same period last year.

For the first nine months of 1978 net income totalled $581.75m or $4.78 a share, up 10 per cent from the $530.39m or $4.36 a share for the nine-months period of 1977.

Annual return on capital employed, for the period to September 30, was 13.7 per cent compared with 12.1 per cent for the same period.

Consolidated sales and operating revenues increased by 20 per cent in the third quarter to $3,408m from $2,832.14m in 1977. For the nine months an increase of 12 per cent to $9,468.73m is reported compared with $8,463.12m a year ago.

Mr Robert O. Anderson, chairman, said the improved results came chiefly from increased earnings from sales of petrol and the operation of the Trans-Alaska pipeline at full capacity of about 1.2m barrels a day. Demand and prices for petrol remained strong throughout the summer driving season.

Higher state taxes resulted from increased income taxes imposed by the State of Alaska, Mr Anderson said. The increased US taxes reflect the reducrion of investment tax credits to about $70m from $200m for the same period. The reduction in investment tax credits resulted from fewer major capital projects in 1978.

Shell Canada earnings decline

Shell Canada said in Toronto that petroleum products earnings were lower in the first nine months of the year, reflecting continued pressure on selling prices resulting from oversupply in Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces and continued cost increases.

In the third quarter, this pressure was only slightly eased by a moderate firming of petrol prices.

In resource operations, income improvements from higher natural gas and crude oil prices were partly offset by increased exploration expenditures and by lower oil and gas sales volumes.

Meanwhile Shell Oil Co of the United States reported earnings of $1.66 a share against $1.45 for the third quarter. For the nine months net profit was $621.3m ($4.18 a share) against $567.4m ($3.96).

Walter Runciman latest shipping casualty

By Peter Wainwright

The convoy of stricken shippers lengthened yesterday to include Walter Runciman, the group that ranges from Anchor Line in the shipping division through John Tann in security to G. P. Turner in Lloyd's broking and Philip N. Christie, a Lloyd's underwriting agent.

Pre-tax profits of the group as a whole sank from £1.98m to £192,015 though turnover inched ahead to £19.5m in the half year to June 30. The interim dividend has been cut to 1.86p gross from 3.77p. The final should be 3.73p gross against 8.6p.

This is not in the least surprising in that Mr W. G. Runciman, chairman, warned shareholders in May that shipping was heading for a big loss this year.

Unhappily Runciman's security and insurance divisions also retreated. Some say they made nearly £1m in profits in 1977. Now the directors simply report that they "remain profitable."

They add that shipping is now exposed to the full impact of slump. Freight rates and ship values have risen since the end of last year, but it is not thought that this will last. It probably reflects little more than oil companies chartering tonnage ahead of a presumed demand for winter fuel oil.

The market took the figures badly even though the £1.98m was inflated by a £804,000 profit on a ship sale. The shares shed 5p to 66p. The rights issue o fone for five in June 1977 was at 93p a share.

Rediffusion Television lower

On turnover up from £50.64m to £60.85m in the 12 months to July 29, trading profits of Rediffusion Television (which owns Thames Television) climbed from £8.08m to £9.11m. However, interest receivable fell from £3.7m to £2.48m. And, with interest payable up from £195,000 to £291,000, pre-tax profits have slipped from £11.59m to £11.3m. The final dividend is being cut from 54.34p to 48.02p, which lowers the total from 69.34p to 63.02p. Rediffusion Television's ordinary and "A" ordinary capital is held 62½ per cent by British Electric Traction and 37½ per cent by Rediffusion Ltd.

ENGLISH NAT INVESTMENT
Gross income for six months to September 30, £107,600 (£87,200). Earnings per share, 1.02p (0.87p). Interim dividends 1.65p gross (1.05p gross).

RENONG TIN DREDGING
Pre-tax profit for year to June 30, £104,000 (£130,500). Final dividend is 10.4p gross (5.2p gross) making total for year, 12.58p gross (7.45p gross).

CITY & INT TRUST
Pre-tax profit for year to August 31, £1m (£957,200). Earnings per share, 4.82p (4.17p). Final dividend is 4.76p gross (4.12p gross), making 7.0p gross (5.0p gross).

CRAY ELECTRONICS
Mr W. R. R. Haines chairman, announces that company's order book stands at £7m. This is £1m higher than a year ago.

B & I NATHAN
Turnover for 26 weeks to June 30, £3.4m (£3m). Pre-tax profit, £236,000 (£190,000). Interim dividend is 1.63p gross (1.49p gross).

NORMAND ELECTRICAL HOLDING
Company has acquired Disco and Supaflex Drives for £205,500 cash. For year 1977 Disco and Supaflex Drives had pre-tax earnings of £40,000.

BRAZILIAN LOAN
Export Credits Guarantee Department has guaranteed £13.7m loan which Morgan Grenfell has made available to Aco Minas Gerais SA (Acominas) of Brazil. Loan will help finance contract awarded by Acominas to Davy Ashmore International for supply of structural steelwork, etc.

Briefly

YULE CATTO
Group through its wholly owned export trading company, Thomas Bell and Co. Liverpool, has arranged £5m line of credit to finance imports to Jamaica.

SOLICITORS' LAW STATIONERY
Company has acquired C. E. Dawkins (Typesetters) for £140,000. This entails issue of 183,344 ordinary shares plus £30,000 cash.

ALLIED BREWERIES/LYONS
Allied Breweries as holders of J. Lyons convertible unsecured loan stock, resolved to cancel conversion rights for increase of ¼ per cent per annum in interest rate payable.

LUNUVA (CEYLON) ESTATES
Unaudited pre-tax profit for nine months to September 30, £77,200 (£1.2m). Earnings per £1 stock unit, 6.83p gross (10.77p gross).

CADD ESTATE DUTIES INVST
For year to March 31, 1979 board expects gross dividend income to exceed £2.2m (£1.8m). Net revenue before taxation is expected to how a smaller increase.

W. L. PAWSON & SON
Recent one-for-two rights issue of 1,969,735 new ordinary shares has been taken up as to 1,937,546 shares 98.37 per cent.

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Points from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. D. Downs, B.Sc., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E.

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	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
CAPITAL EMPLOYED	2,564	1,923	1,637	1,391	1,165
Profit before Tax	943	641	433	340	318
Profit after Tax	701	370	223	199	193
Ordinary Dividends	2.92p	2.61p	2.34p	2.13p	2.00p

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BIRTHS

DARBYSHIRE.—On October 20th, to ... and David ..., Rue de l'Orangerie, Versailles, France—a daughter (Marie Caroline), a sister for Sophie and Rupert.

DE CASTILLO.—On 23rd October, 1978, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, S.W.20, to Susan (nee Burke) and Jorge—a son.

HEAD.—On Oct. 11th, to Gillian and Henry—a daughter.

LYCETT GREEN.—On October 23rd to Rupert and Candida—a son.

SELLON.—On Oct. 20th, at St. Teresa's Hospital, to Katherine (nee Brennan) and Tony—a son (Edward), brother for Jamie.

SHILLITOE.—To Nelly and Francis on October 18th—a sister for Alexandra (Tasmin Claire).

SYMES.—On 21st October, at Horton Maternity Hospital, Banbury, to Antonia (nee Samuda) and Douglas—a daughter (Harriet Jane), a sister for Nicholas.

TOOTAL.—On 23rd October, at home, to Jennifer and Anthony—a daughter (Polly).

UHUNNA.—On October 17, at St. Thomas' Hospital, London S.E.1, to Patricia Mary (nee Milmo) and Vennett Obiesie—a son (Chika Harrison).

BIRTHS

WILLIAMS.—On Wednesday, 18th October, to Ann (nee Flaws) and Neil—a son (Nicholas Diccon).

ADOPTIONS

BUMSTEAD.—By Janice and Dennis—a daughter (Jocelyn Diana). Now aged 5 months.

MARRIAGES

BROWN : WATSON.—On 21st October at Sacred Heart Church, Wootton Bassett, Allen, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown, of Ascot, and Jane, second daughter of Sqn. Ldr. N. S. Watson, R.A.F. (retd.) and Mrs. Watson, of Hilmarton, Wilts.

CHISHOLM : RANKIN.—On Saturday, 7th October 1978, at Kilmaveonaig Church, Blair Atholl, Tayside, Simon Richard Alasdair, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. H. Chisholm of Highfield House, Theobald Street, Radlett, Hertfordshire, to Mary Jean Belinda, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rankin, of 49 Balhousie Street, Perth.

DIAMOND WEDDING

WOOLNER : BITTEN.—On Oct. 23rd, 1918, Capt. F. T. Woolner, M.C., R.E., to Miss Dorothy Bitten.

DEATHS

ADER.—On October 23, 1978, while on holiday in America, aged 80 years, Max, much loved husband of Inge and father of Stephen and Peter.

BARENT.—On October 22nd, Dr. Mark Barent, beloved husband of Bertie, after a long illness. Funeral at 1.15 p.m. today at Bushy Cemetery. Prayers same evening only at 8 p.m., 27 Greenhill, N.W.3.

BATTSEK, KURT.—On October 23rd. Deeply mourned by all his family and friends. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) at 3.30 on Thursday, October 26th.

BLES.—On 21 October, 1978, peacefully, Wenonah, of Barton, Cambridge, beloved mother of Diana and Paul, and grandmother of Stephen, Paul and Andrew. Funeral service at Cambridge crematorium, on Wednesday, 25th October, at 3.30 p.m. No flowers please, but donations to charity.

BOURKE.—On October 22nd, 1978, peacefully, at King Edward VII Hospital, Frederick Arlington (Billie), late of Ceylon and husband of Betty. Cremation at Guildford crematorium, on Monday, October 30th, at 11.30 a.m. Flowers and enquiries to L. F. Linbitt and Sons, Midhurst 3264.

CARTER-PEDLER.—On October 19, 1978, at King's College Hospital, Robert Dennis, B.A. (Cantab) of 49 Beulah Hill, S.E.19. Late of Reeve Castle, Bow, Devon. Beloved husband of Vera, dear father of Ann, Mary and William. Grandpop of John, Peter and Heather. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Royal Masonic Hospital. Cremation at West Norwood Crematorium at 3 p.m. Friday, October 27th.

CHEESEMAN.—On 22nd October, 1978, in a nursing home, Ethel Sarah, 78 years, late of Rural George Rd., Burgess Hill, dearly loved wife of the late Leslie Arthur and beloved Mother of Audrey. Funeral service will take place at St. John's Church, Burgess Hill on Friday, 27 October, at 2.45 p.m. Followed by cremation. Flowers please to William Collins & Son, Mill Rd., Burgess Hill. Telephone 3216.

CLARKE.—On 21st October, Harold George (Nobby) of Leatherhead, beloved husband of Mary. Cremation Randalls Park, Leatherhead, 3 p.m., Friday, 27th October. No flowers, donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

COE.—On October 17th, Wilfrid John, at home in Stoke Poges, at the age of 74, Fellow of the British Dental Association and twice president of the East Midlands branch. Much loved husband of Norah and father of Roger, David and Alison. A private funeral was held on Monday 23rd October.

COWMAN.—On Oct. 22nd, at Wexham Hospital, Thomas, aged 68 years, most cherished husband of Edith, beloved father of Patricia, Thomas, Louise. Requiem mass, Friday, 27th, 10 a.m., at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Austenwood Common, Gerrards Cross.

ELLIOTT.—On October 21st in London after a long illness borne with fortitude, Georgina (Georgette) aged 86, widow of Group Captain R. A. G. Elliott, beloved mother and grandmother. All enquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 187 Fulham Palace Road, W.6. Tel. 381 2788.

ELLIS LEWIS, TOM (Tel).—On October 22, 1978, in his 78th year. Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, from 1933 to 1968, dearly loved and mourned by his widow and daughter Joanna and many friends. Funeral at Cambridge Crematorium at 4.30 p.m. on Friday, 27th October. Please, no flowers.

ELLS.—On Saturday, 21st October, Margaret (Maggie), peacefully in a nursing home, adored wife of Peter and mother of Leslie. Funeral private. Memorial service being held at St. James' Church, Piccadilly, on 1st November, at noon. Donations to Cancer Research would be appreciated.

FRASER.—On October 21, peacefully in Beckenham Hospital, Francis Charles, C.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., aged 75 years.

GARDNER, MILLIE W.—Beloved wife of the late Bernhard, devoted sister of Stella Shelvin. Service was at Temple Emanu-El, Fifth Avenue, at 65 St., New York, on October 15, 1978. Memorial contributions may be made to the New School for Social Research, 66 West 12 St., New York, N.Y. 10011.

GLOVER, ALFRED MEYRICK, Wing Commander R.A.F. (retired) at his home, The Dorchester, Parr Lane, Saxtterfield, on 22nd October, 1978. Widower of Gwendoline (nee Pearson). Funeral service St. Mary's Church, Wolverton, Friday, 27th October, at 11.15 a.m., followed by cremation. No flowers or letters please.

GLOVER.—Peacefully, on 23rd October, 1978, at 2 Montrose Gdns, Milngavie, Glasgow (the home of her daughter Mistress T. D. Mackinnon) Winifred Mary (Peggy), nee Crewdson, widow of Cedric Howard. Cremation private, interment in Westmoreland later. No flowers, please.

GORDON-DUFF.—On October 22nd, in Sydney, Australia, Nell, widow of David Gordon-Duff.

HEDIN.—On October 24th, Gwendoline Adella, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, beloved wife of Carl and loving mother of Richard, Mary, Timothy and Clare. Funeral Friday, 27th Oct., 2 p.m., St. Marys, Theydon Bois.

HIBBERT.—On 23 October, 1978, after an illness borne with great courage, Norman Frank Hibbert, F.C.A., aged 54 years. Service Golders Green Crematorium, Friday, 27th October, at 1 p.m. Flowers to Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W.8. 01-937 0757.

KEARON.—On 23rd October, peacefully in hospital, Margaret (Babbie), aged 75, of Stock, Essex. Dearly loved mother and grandmother. Requiem Mass at 10 a.m., on Friday, 27th October, at Stock Catholic Church. Flowers to: Farrers, High Street, Billericay.

KENNEDY.—On October 24th, at Hammersmith Hospital, Sqn. Ldr. Melville Neil ("Bush"). Funeral Hammersmith Cemetery, Mortlake, October 27th, at 12 noon. Flowers to 28 Pennard Rd., W.12.

KNIGHT BRUCE, EVELYN.—On October 20th, at Argyll House, formerly of The Sanctuary, Crediton.

LAGAN, ROSE, on October 21st at Royal Marsden Hospital, following a short illness. Funeral service to take place on Friday, 27th at St. Patrick Church, Glen, Maghera. Our beloved sister and dear colleague. Memorial Mass on 9th November, at 11 a.m. at Farm Street Church, Mayfair. All flowers if desired please to Dan Lagan, Kirley House, Maghera, Co Derry, or donations to The Cancer Research, Royal Marsden, Fulham Road, Chelsea.

MALLABAR.—On October 24th, very peacefully, Gwen, beloved wife of Leslie. Funeral private.

MENDS.—On Sunday, 22nd October, 1978, at Portmahomack, Ross-shire, Robert, Captain RN. Beloved husband of the late Marjorie Grace Wethered and dear father of Jocelyn and David.

MORAN.—On 21st October, Joseph Michael Moran, C.B., Q.C., Legal Secretary to the Lord Advocate. Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, London, S.W.19, at 10 a.m., on 26th October. Funeral, thereafter, at New Malden Cemetery. Flowers to the Church, please.

MURRAY.—On 23rd October, 1978 at Ouidanham, Norfolk, Dulcie Gascoigne, widow Lt.-Col. Eric Murray, O.B.E. Late of London and Walmer. Beloved mother of Noel Holland, Diana Gilmour and the late Rosamond. Dearly loved by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and all her family. Service St. Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, Friday, 27th Oct., at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

NEWCOMB.—On 21st October, peacefully in hospital, Leonard Frederic, of 14 Chester Court, N.W.5. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, on Friday, 27th October at 3.15 p.m. (East Chapel). Family flowers only, but if desired donations may be sent to R.U.K.B.A., Avonmore Road, W.14.

OMMANNEY.—On 22 October, peacefully, in her 91st year, Sybil Maude Haigh, mother of John and Carol. Funeral private, at St Luke's Church, Hatfield, Herts, on 27th October, at 3.15 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Hambrook & Johns, of 1 Dymchurch Road, Hythe, Kent.

PAUL.—On Monday, 23rd October, 1978, peacefully, at his home, Parham Hall, Woodbridge, Suffolk, Humphrey George Duncan, beloved husband of Gwendolyn and father of Adam. Cremation private.

PRATT, EDWIN JOHN, who sailed his yacht Vagus from England in 1937. On September 4th, 1978, in Wellington, New Zealand. Loved friend of Mrs. Nan Berkeley, New Zealand House.

RICHARDS, CHARLES WILLIAM, of 7 Beechcroft Court, Four Oakes Road, Sutton Coldfield. Peacefully in his 84th year. Beloved husband of Peggy and father of Peter. President of Charles Richards Fasteners Ltd. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Foley Road, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, at 11.15 a.m., on Friday, 27th October, followed by private family cremation. No flowers by request. If desired donations may be sent for the British Heart Foundation to the Manager, the Midland Bank Ltd., The Green, Darlaston, Wednesbury, West Midlands.

ROLO.—On 22 October, 1978, at The Gordon Hospital, S.W.1, Jack Rolo, aged 75, of Alexandria, beloved brother of Molly Segal. Deeply mourned by his many relatives and friends. Cremation at Golders Green, 12 noon, Thursday, October 26th. No flowers but, if desired, donations in his memory to Miss Langer, Jewish Blind Society, 1 Craven Hill, W.2.

RYAN.—On Oct. 23rd, 1978, Dr John Joseph, son of late John F. Ryan and Anna of Limerick City, Ireland; husband of Agnes Constance of 3 Ashdown Close, Maidstone, father of John, Michael, Patricia, Anne and Monica, and much loved grandfather. For many years medical superintendent, Leybourne Grange Hospital, West Malling, Kent.

SCOULAR.—On October 23rd Alexander George, aged 71 years, husband of Helen, father of Angela and Malcolm. Grandfather of Daniel.

SELBIE.—On October 19, suddenly, at home in Cheltenham, Andrew, much loved father of Judy, Colin and Susan, and a loving grandfather. Cremation Thursday, October 26, 2.30 p.m., at Cheltenham.

SMITH.—On Saturday, October 21st, 1978, suddenly in hospital, Peter Smith, retired Major 20th Lancashire Fusiliers, aged 63 years, of 1 Kings Crescent, Camberley. Dearly loved husband of Elsie. Father of Pamela, Deirdre and Michael and grandfather of Philip.

TAYLOR.—On Sunday 22nd October, 1978, Peter Badger, loved and loving husband of Flies, devoted stepfather of Katherine and brother of B. B. Williams. Private cremation Friday. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Isle of Man Anti Cancer Association, c/o Mr Vicars, Barclays Bank, Victoria St., Douglas, Isle of Man.

VINCENT.—On October 21, William Douglas Janvrin, aged 70, of Chandlers' Ford, Hants, and formerly of Tunbridge Wells and Singapore. Donations if desired to Cancer Research, c/o John Steel & Son Ltd., Chesil House, Winchester.

WHITING.—On 21st October, 1978, peacefully at The Middlesex Hospital, after a long illness borne with great fortitude, Ralph Oakley Whiting, Instructor Commander, RN, retired. Aged 85 years, of Littlehampton. Funeral Binsted Church, near Arundel, on Thursday, 26th October. All inquiries to W. Garston & Sons Ltd., telephone No. 01-935 4868.

DEATHS

WILSON.—On October 20th, 1978, Dr. Donald Wilson, M.D., F.R.C.P., of Westgate, Chichester, suddenly, beloved husband of Zeme and father of Robin and Gill. Funeral and memorial service on Monday, 30th October, 1978, at Chichester Cathedral at 11.45 a.m. No flowers by request but donations if desired to Donald Wilson House, St. Richards Hospital, c/o Barclays Bank, Northgate, Chichester. All friends and colleagues welcome.

FUNERAL

RICE.—The funeral Service for Mr Anthony Peter Rice of Le Fond de Coeil, Cap Verde, St Lawrence, Jersey, C.I., will be held at the parish church of St Saviour, Jersey, on Friday, 27th October, at 3.30 pm. Further enquiries and floral tributes to H. W. Maillard and Son, 34, Great Union Road, St Helier, Jersey. Telephone 37291.

WARBURG.—The funeral service for Pamela de Bayou Warburg, wife of Fredric Warburg, will be held at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) on Thursday, October 26 at 11.30 a.m. Flowers by 10 o'clock to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 212 Eversholt Street, N.W.1.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GLASS.—A meeting in memory of the late Professor David Glass will be held on Tuesday, 7 November, at 5 p.m. at The London School of Economics, Houghton Street, W.C.2. All who wish to attend will be welcome. Admission without ticket.

VERDURA, FULCO di. A Requiem Mass will be held at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, W.1, on Wednesday, November 15th. A Requiem Mass will be held at 12 noon at the Chapelle de la Mission Italienne, 23 rue Jean Goujon, Paris 8 eme, on Wednesday, November 22nd.

IN MEMORIAM

FICHEL.—In tender and proud memory of Captain Oliver Walter Fichel, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, who died of wounds, near Cambrai, on October 25, 1918, aged 26. Also of his only brother, Captain Geoffrey Michael John Fichel, Middlesex Regiment, killed in action near Ypres on February 9, 1915, aged 24. Lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not divided.

ACTON, HILARY (born Cookson).—In tribute, and with very much love, 9.9.45 to 25.10.73.

BLACK, MAJOR JOHN CHARLES, R.E., with remembrance from all the family and especial love and gratitude to a husband and father from Olive and Susan.

COBBOLD, MARGARET, 14th April, 1977: In abiding memory of dear Margaret, on this her birthday. Tommy.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

CUNNINGHAM.—MARGARET (Penny) Cunningham, Penhurst, Woking and Major Tom L. Cunningham, Milton Crescent, Edinburgh, sincerely thank all relatives, friends and dearest colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement and all those who paid tribute by attending at Warriston crematorium last Saturday.

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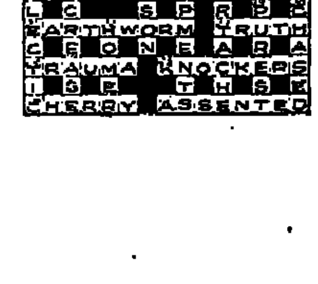
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ACROSS
1 This boot-cleaner just gets through . . . (7).
5 . . . passes, but resorts to corruption (7).
9 He gets up to vertical part of flight (5).
10 Said to produce corn in a ribbon development? (9).
11 "Tomorrow to fresh woods and pastures new" their motto? (6).
12 Ah, gin has befuddled the sailor—get him on board (8).
14 Is one cross about unhappy end of book? (5).
15 Those b—— officials, we hear (9).
18 A letter from 16 without anagram clue (9).
20 Hesitate in forgoing of right, say (5).
22 Court-martial here in place of military tattoo (8).
24 Diagrams of reported zeppelins? (6).
26 London Club review (9).
27 A quaintly pleasing accent? (5).
28 "Or wak'd to —— the living lyre" (Gray) (7).
29 Bring down converted eastern voters (7).

DOWN
1 Elements turn moist? This one anyway (9).
2 Began again with money in the pipe (7).
3 Neat in shows, but they appear ridiculous (9).
4 Gear one needed for a Swiss mountain (4).
5 Metal striker shows how to down tools (4-6).
6 Silver in hand commonly for this Dickensian (5).
7 It's bound to be Ayesha in the van (7).
8 Fair weather Muslim? (5).
13 Tabled your amendment so stubbornly (10).
16 Where's the small print? (5, 4).
17 Birthplace of the horse marines? (5, 4).
19 They're roundly opposed to players crossing their line (7).
21 Virginia dispenses with pot, suffering from these? (7).
22 One of those water-skipping birds (5).
23 Bird put on an unusual hair transformation (5).
25 Topping elephant for the boss (4).

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